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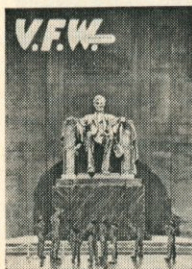
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### V.F.W. OBJECTIVES

*To insure the national security through maximum military strength.  
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To assist the widows and orphans, and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.  
To promote Americanism through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.*

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### THE COVER



• Almost every visitor to the nation's capital makes a point of visiting one of the most beautiful of all memorial shrines—the Lincoln Memorial in West Potomac Park. Dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1922, the memorial consists of a large marble hall enclosing a heroic statue of Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States. Cover artist Fred Irwin has eloquently caught with his talented brush the feeling of quiet reverence and awe that grips one as he enters the great hall and gazes on the huge seated figure of the martyred President. And adding to the significance of the scene are the Boy Scouts as they listen to their Scoutmaster tell about Lincoln and of the great debt this country owes to him. They serve as a reminder that the period of Feb. 7-13 is National Boy Scout Week and that Boy Scout units are sponsored by more than 1,300 V.F.W. Posts. Through its Scouting program the Veterans of Foreign Wars is promoting a greater understanding of the American way of life and a greater appreciation of our great patriotic heritage.

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## Collectors' Corner

I am collecting U. S. military shoulder patches and distinctive insignia. Will trade with other collectors. My husband is a WW II veteran.—Mrs. Blanche Bandemer, 133 S. 14th St., Geneva, Nebr.

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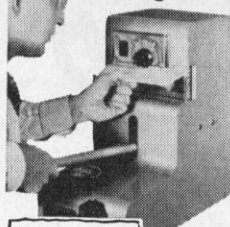
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My hobby is collecting Boy Scout patches for camporees and encampments. I will trade for or buy any offered.—Jerry Hill, Box 117, Mazon, Illinois.

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BY VICE ADMIRAL HUGH H. GOODWIN  
U. S. Navy (Ret.)

● "MINUTE MAN this is Bluecoat Three. Gimme a course: I'm on my reserve tank now. I have only 40 minutes fuel left. Visibility getting worse . . . I'm going to have to ditch in this damned ocean if you don't do something soon."

The officers gathered around the chart table on the old *Lexington* felt the urgency in the voice that came over the loudspeaker on the radio console. The Operations Officer studied the chart for a moment, then grabbed the microphone:

"Bluecoat Three, fly course two seven zero for five minutes—then circle. Make long transmissions on distress frequency so we can get bearings. Don't worry, we'll get you back. Out."

"Wilco—but you'd better do something fast. Time is running out."

There was no radar or reliable homing devices for carrier planes in 1936. Visibility had dwindled to five miles and radio silence had been broken to recover four sections of scouting planes. For more than an hour every trick in the bag had been used to get Bluecoat Three back to the ship. No luck! And now the figures on the flight schedule confirmed the pilot's estimate that he had fuel for only 40 more minutes.

"Hold it, Minute Man, hold it," the loudspeaker came alive, "I see a ship . . . it's a cruiser. Wait a sec . . . I'm going to drop down and read her name . . ."

A sigh of relief rippled over the group at the chart table. "Thank

God," said the Operations Officer, "at least there'll be a ship to fish 'em out if they have to go in the drink."

"Ship is the *Indianapolis*—now give me a vector. This is Bluecoat Three."

"*Indianapolis* . . . *Indianapolis* . . ." The Operations Officer's voice was incredulous. "That can't be the *Indianapolis*—she's 150 miles away." He indicated a point on the chart and stared at it for a long minute; suddenly he grabbed the microphone and called:

"Bluecoat Three, which side of that cruiser did you fly past?"

"I flew up the starboard side—but what the hell difference does that make? Gimme a course home or I'll have to ditch . . . and for the love of Pete be quick about it."

"Bluecoat Three. Listen carefully . . . this may be important. Fly up the port side and read the name."

"Wilco, but you're wasting valuable time. I need a course back to the ship. . . . My God, wait. . . . It's the *Minneapolis*—the *Minneapolis*, not the *Indianapolis*. Now can you give me a course?"

The *Minneapolis* was only 10 miles away. In a matter of minutes the lost plane was safely aboard. As he taxied out of the arresting gear, Bluecoat Three made his final transmission: "Minute Man, Oh, Minute Man . . . am I glad to be aboard! Next time I find a ship with a name so long it has to be wrapped around the stern. I'm gonna look at both sides before I try to pronounce it!"



Members of Post 3944, St. Ann, Mo., planned a picnic on the farm for children living in area orphan homes. Post members are shown with some of the 175 children who attended the fun-filled outing.



# It's Minneapolis in 1962

**GREAT CITY OF THE NORTH WILL WELCOME THE  
63rd V.F.W. NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUG. 10-17**

**W**INTER ALWAYS brings thoughts of happy vacation days to come next summer—and to thousands of V.F.W. and Auxiliary members summer vacations always mean a chance to spend a grand and glorious week at the annual national conventions of their organizations. And, as vacation time has a tendency to creep up and then suddenly jump at us, it's really not too early to start thinking about it.

The magnificent city of Minneapolis, Minn., will play host this summer to the 63rd National Convention of the V.F.W. and the 49th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W., both to be held concurrently during the period of Aug. 10-17.

As announced in last month's issue of *V.F.W. Magazine*, plans are rapidly taking shape for what promises to be one of the most delightful conventions in the long history of the organization. Under the leadership of Dr. James W. Reid, president of the 63rd V.F.W. National Convention Corporation, and National Convention Director Adrian Grobsmith, a hard working staff of officials is busy setting the stage. Several chairmen of important convention committees have already been appointed and many other prominent civic leaders have indicated their desire to serve on committees. There will be no lack of support, for the citizens of Minneapolis take extraordinary pride in their city and are eagerly awaiting the chance to show it off to such a huge gathering as a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

The beautiful Hotel Leamington will serve as the V.F.W. National Headquarters hotel and will also accommodate the daily business sessions of the convention. The completely new Leamington is air conditioned throughout and boasts three huge auditoriums and convenient parking for 4,000 cars within a two block radius of the hotel.

The Greater Radisson Hotel, which has just completed a multi-million dollar building and expansion program, will serve as headquarters for the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W.

Several convention activities, including the traditional Memorial Service on Sunday evening, Aug. 12, and the joint opening session, will probably take place in the Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium, a spacious building seating more than 10,000 persons. The Auditorium will also be the scene of the annual Bierstube party, always a highlight of every V.F.W. National Convention.

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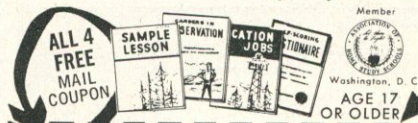
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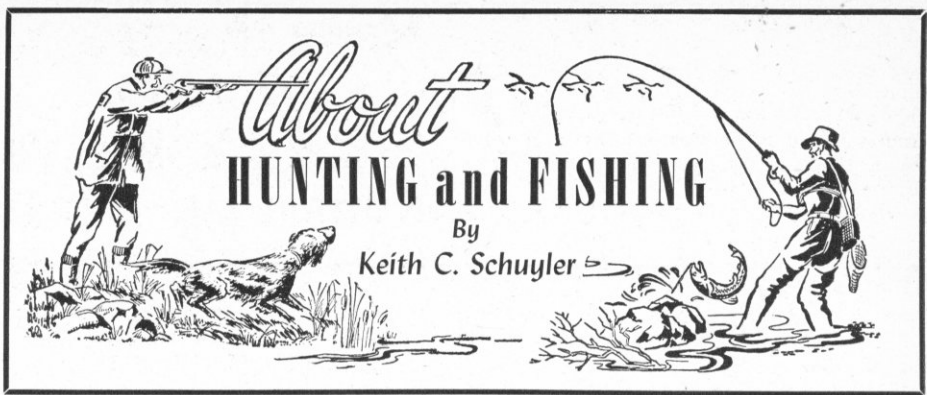
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• Pressure from commercial and community levels throughout the country are creating more problems of pollution in the face of the dwindling water supply. Within recent months, there have been more than 20 fish kills in Louisiana. The biggest on record in Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River. Thousands of fish killed in the Delaware River. The nation is in the grip of a putrid paradox. While newspaper headlines scream about the shortage of good water, their advertisers continue to pollute more and more streams. And, right under the noses of the law makers, the once-beautiful Potomac River carries its filth past the nation's capital and the monuments to men who gave their lives to preserving this country for posterity.

### BABES IN THE WOODS

• Countless caves and hollowed out spots in North America presently provide maternity wards for one of the more unusual births of nature. Black bear mothers from 150 to 600 pounds are sleepily nursing from one to six blind and nearly-naked baby bruins which average about ten ounces each at birth. This every-other-year occurrence starts when the female blackie is usually three years old. Gestation period is from 200 to 210 days. Although a slow starter, the blackie grows fast and it might live from 25 to 30 years, if it is not shot by hunters. But, at this time of the year, a baby bear is one of the most helpless creatures in the wild.

### WINTER WEASEL

• Ermine, the fur of royalty, is also the name applied to any weasel which turns white in winter. More particularly it is applied to the European stoat (*Putorius ermineus*) when it is in white winter pelage.

The fur itself, also called ermine, was in medieval times restricted to royalty, and it later became identified with judges in high courts of England. Although a beautiful fur, ermine comes from some of the most wicked and crafty animals in existence.

In summer, a weasel is always a weasel. In winter, he may be a weasel or an ermine depending on his pelage. But, all year around he's a blood-thirsty little killer.

### HARRIED HARE

• Always the natural prey of many predators in the northern woods, the varying hare is also a favorite target of hunters. This large "rabbit" changes his coat from brown to white as the days grow shorter in autumn. He reverses the process in the spring. Since the change in color is caused by the amount of light received through the hare's eye, which in turn affects the pituitary gland, the snowshoe sometimes finds his natural winter camouflage at a disadvantage. If there is no snow on the ground, the white animal is a conspicuous target. One of the fastest upland game targets afoot, the snowshoe makes tough and interesting hunting any time of year.



Post 7181, Forest Park, Ill., officers recently presented jackets to members of the Post's Boy Scout Rifle Club, the "108 Junior Riflemen." Members in the front row, left to right, are Edward Mansch, Sr., rifle instructor; Junior Vice Commander William Kalas, Bill Hoeschele, instructor; Past 5th Dist. Commander Jim Crowley, Commander William Sission, Senior Vice Commander William Shires.



Although predation on the varying hare is always heavy, his numbers are determined more by the food available than by hunting and predator pressure. This changing target has all but disappeared from some of the better hunting areas of the East where whitetail deer have over-browsed the available food supply.

#### FISH FLOUR

• High protein value of fish has prompted a study in the use of fish flour as an additive in protein-deficient diets. Current studies are being made to determine what benefits may be derived from the use of this food in countries where there is a diet deficiency. At a recent session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, scientists expressed the belief that diets deficient in animal protein could be fully corrected by adding from three to 10 per cent fish flour.

Chile and Peru have offered to furnish facilities for manufacturing the fish flour and have been selected as the countries where the first feeding studies will be made.

#### MANNHEIM MONSTER?

• Among the legends of long-lived fish, mostly phoney, was that of the Mannheim pike. Supposedly, in 1497, the huge pike was caught in the Kaiserweg Lake, Germany, bearing a brass ring which bore the inscription: "I am the fish which was first of all put into this lake by the hands of the Governor of the Universe, Frederick II, 5th October, 1230." This would make it 267 years old at the time of catching. For years the skeleton was kept in the Mannheim cathedral, many scientists of the day believing it to be authentic.

However, a young German anatomist examined the skeleton one day. He found that it consisted of the vertebrae of several fish strung together!

#### BAIT BALLAST

• It is sometimes desirable to have a minnow or a frog dead for casting. However, such baits have a tendency to float, and the fisherman may prefer to have them sink. Addition of weight to the line or leader provides one more thing to pick up weeds and/or moss.

A good way to sink such baits is to place split shot or small pebbles in the mouth of the frog or minnow. Hooking through both lips will prevent such ballast from falling out; furthermore, the added weight will tend to make the bait ride upright through the water.

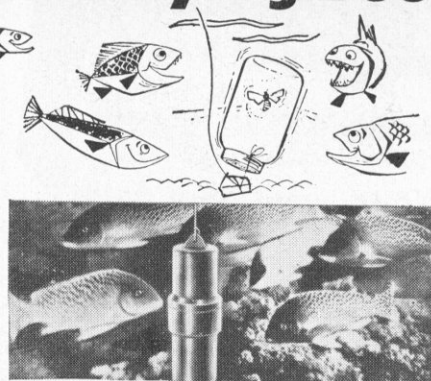
#### SWAMP STAMPS

• Hunters and stamp collectors have purchased \$72,945,481 worth of duck stamps since the program began in 1934. This money is now earmarked so that every cent above Post Office Department costs goes for land acquisition.

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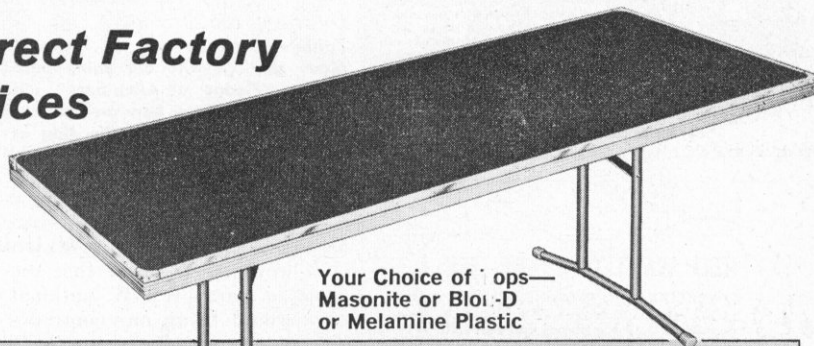
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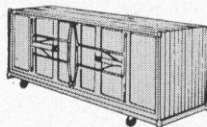
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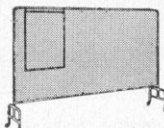
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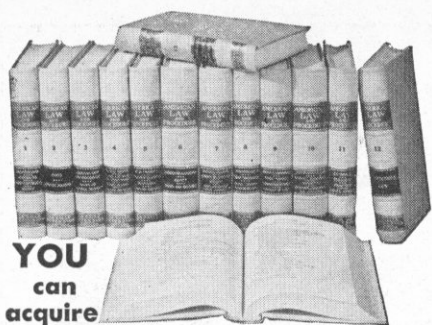


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# **MAIL CALL**

Sound off here. Make letter brief and to the point. The right is reserved to edit all communications.



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## **"Pledge of Allegiance" History**

Recently at our Post a visiting comrade from out of the state, after seeing the "Pledge of Allegiance" on the Post wall, asked a question which neither he nor I could answer. I wonder how many of our comrades can answer it? The question: "Who wrote the 'Pledge of Allegiance' and when?"

Here is the answer we found after some research.

"The Pledge of Allegiance" is a simple, stirring statement of loyalty to the United States and to its National Flag.

The Pledge first appeared in the magazine, *Youth's Companion*, in 1892. It is believed to have been written by Francis Bellamy of Rome, New York, after a suggestion by James Upham. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was used as part of a national celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

The words, "under God", were added by an act of Congress on June 14, 1954.

Because so much is taken for granted these days, I am sending this information to you. I think all of us should know the history behind the "Pledge of Allegiance."

—E. J. Flowers, Adjutant, Post 2550, Dunedin, Fla.

**Editor's Note:** By way of review, and for the many children who are being introduced anew to the "Pledge of Allegiance" aided by their parents or teachers, here are the inspiring words: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## **Urges Wearing of V.F.W. Uniform**

It would seem to me that the time is at hand to start a V.F.W. national campaign that would bring our comrades to realize the importance of wearing the V.F.W. uniform to Post meetings, community functions, and while traveling about the country to fulfill V.F.W. engagements. I am positive that, in the eyes of the public, this display of the V.F.W. uniform would have a favorable effect.

## **Remember the Maine**

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In accordance with the V.F.W. ritual, "Every Post is urged to observe the anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine in the harbor at Havana on Feb. 15, 1898, the disaster that claimed the lives of 266 Americans and formed one of the direct causes of the War with Spain. By paying homage to the memory of the heroes of '98, each Post has the opportunity of focusing public attention on the patriotic deeds of those men who made up the most colorful army in the history of the world—every man a volunteer—the A.E.F. of 1898."

With several comrades I have tried this with some success, but there are too many presiding officers and members who still do not wear the uniform.

Perhaps there is a valid reason for not doing so, but it seems to me that V.F.W. officers on all levels should wear the uniform while attending to organization business.

If we are concerned about our membership strength why do we pass up this potential V.F.W. publicity as if we are ashamed of our activities? Even parades are becoming less colorful with the lack of uniformed veterans on the march. I would like to see some action to restore a wider use of our V.F.W. uniform.—Robert D. Long, Post 501, 819 So. Pearl St., Denver 9, Colo.

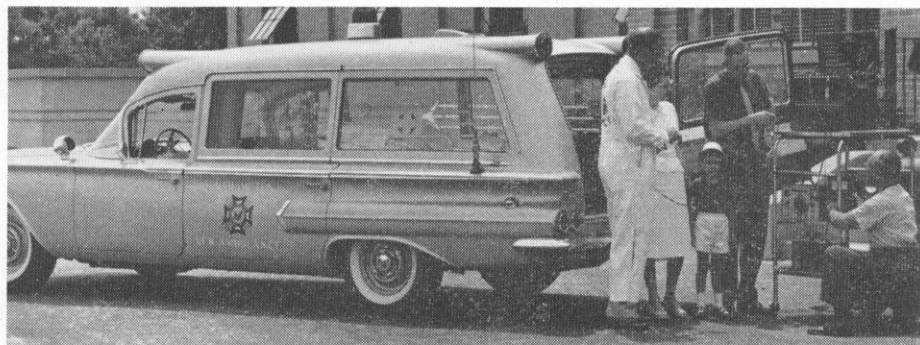
## **Ex-P.O.W. Comments on Story**

I was one of the prisoners of war in the German camp mentioned in your December story, "Time: Christmas Eve, 1944." The story brought back memories. I was a B-17 gunner, shot down over Regensburg, Germany, in February, 1944.

I recall shortly after that Christmas Eve incident, the Russians began drawing closer to our camp. The Germans moved us inland.

For a time we were imprisoned at Nuremberg. Later, we began another long march to Mossburg. After many days of walking we got news that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was dead.

The word was passed along the lines that at a certain time we were all to stop



Post 7009, Southampton, N.Y., operates a non-profit ambulance service for the benefit of citizens of the area. Pictured with the vehicle are Mike Marino, volunteer driver (extreme left), and employees of the Mackay Radio Station which voluntarily services the ambulance electronic equipment.



marching and stand at attention in a moment of silence to pay respect to the memory of our President.

The effect on the guards was the same as the Christmas Eve show. They stood in silence, not knowing what to do.

We arrived in Mossburg several days later and on April 25, 1945, were liberated by the Americans.—*Anthony J. Bertone, Post 1525, 4930 Wabansia Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.*

### Lauds Mr. Gleason's Reply

The reply of John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs ("Truth or Lies", Dec., 1961, *V.F.W. Magazine*) in answer to *Look Magazine* is well founded.

There still is, and has been too much, hate and scandal-mongering about and against veterans.

We describe ourselves as living in a Christian nation. All well and good . . . but let us all put into complete practice the beliefs and principles of a Christian nation.

More words of wisdom and understanding of the veterans' plight are needed. Far be it from me to think that I am perfect, but more perfection can be our goal.—*Ed L. Barker, U.S. Veterans Administration Domiciliary, Clinton, Iowa.*

### Closing of 1-Man VA Offices

I am a life member of the V.F.W. Here in our city they have four offices to recruit men for service in the Armed Forces, but now they have closed the one office

where a veteran could go to get information from the Veterans Administration.

There are many people here in Hutchinson who need the advice that was provided by the man who staffed the VA contact office. I am 100 per cent disabled from war service. It's a shame that the VA can't keep open this office to aid men who gave their all for their country and for dependents of men who died.—*R. A. Withrow, 729 Cessna, Hutchinson, Kans.*

### Cartoon Brings Anger

I've been mad ever since I saw that cartoon in your January issue. It shows a refugee from the draft saying "Lies, lies, all lies" as he walks before an Army Recruiting Station. I've been enlisting men for five years, and during that time I've not had one single kickback from the many options guaranteed by the Army prior to enlistment. All U.S. Army Recruiters try their best to secure qualified men—not through lies, but through honesty.—*Francis J. Sullivan, 1809 Rhode Island St., Aliquippa, Pa.*

**Editor's Note:** *V.F.W. Magazine* salutes the Army Recruiting Service for an excellent record and apologizes if the cartoon created the wrong impression.

### Pleased with Post Coverage

Articles about Post activities in the communities across the nation make up one of your best magazine features. *V.F.W. Magazine* has a lot of good reading in it. I enjoy it a lot.—*Bernard Behrends, Post 1756, 120 N. Monroe St., Lincoln, Ill.*



• Henry Creason (left), a blind veteran of World War I, expresses his appreciation of V.F.W. aid to Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen (right) and Dept. of California Commander Orville Lofton. Creason was one of several V.F.W. members who lost their homes in a disastrous forest fire that swept through the little mountain community of Ahwahnee, Calif., last summer. Members of the V.F.W. 11th District, Dept. of California, led by District Commander Robert Kortum, immediately started a fund raising campaign to aid the fire victims in rebuilding. Of the more than \$1,000 collected, the sum of \$700 was spent to purchase a house trailer for Creason. The balance of the money was distributed among others who lost homes.

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# THE DEADLIEST GUARDS

THESE TOUGH WEEKEND SOLDIERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ARE ALWAYS  
READY TO LIVE UP TO THEIR MOTTO—"ANYTIME, ANYPLACE, ANYWHERE"



ABOVE: Members of a National Guard "Special Forces Detachment" plan a weekend training parachute jump at Ft. Bragg, N.C. BELOW: Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force Chief of Staff (left), and Gen. John H. Trapnell, Commander of the 18th Airborne Corps, watch a mass parachute troop drop.

*By Bill Francois*

*Editor's Note: Author Bill Francois will be remembered by V.F.W. Magazine readers for his thrilling story "The Legendary Paratrooper" which appeared in the February, 1961, issue. A member of the fighting 82nd Airborne Division in World War II, Francois has maintained a keen interest in the nation's defense capabilities. This article about a special new type airborne unit being developed within the National Guard should be of tremendous interest to all V.F.W. members, men who are determined that this nation will always have the necessary strength to defend itself against all enemies.*

**E**VERY MARINE in the area knew that an "assassination" team was on the prowl and that the target was a general who had to be protected at all costs. Roadblocks were set up and guards were stationed at bridges. Sentries patrolled around the general's headquarters. After taking these precautions, the Marines were confident that the enemy could not sneak in and make the kill.

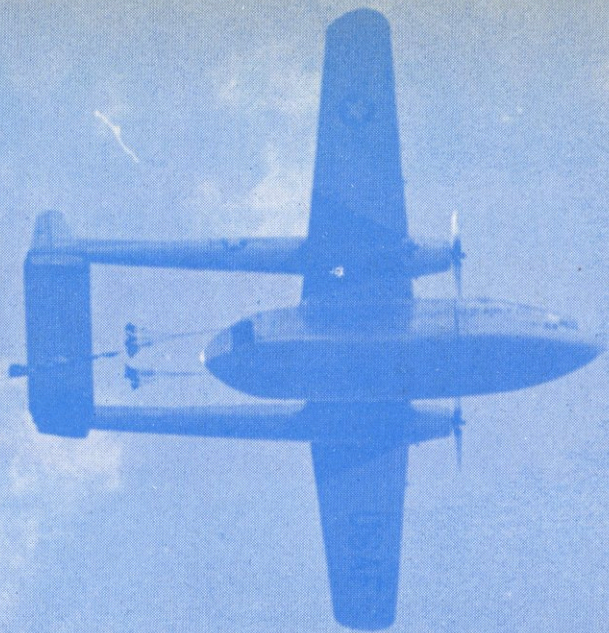
But a group of daring, resourceful men were watching from one of the tree-covered hills which ring the valley. Through binoculars they could see the roadblocks, the guarded bridges, the sentries near H.Q. They also spied something else—a farmer whose truck had broken down. Soon a bold plan of action was ready for the test.

One of the team members crept across the open terrain until he was within a few yards of the stalled truck. Then he stood up and joined the farmer who, by this time, was cursing his misfortune.

"I can fix the engine," the bereted soldier said confidently, "if you'll do me a favor when I'm finished."



# IN THE WORLD



Huge C-119 transport planes such as the one pictured here are used by National Guardsmen in training at the Army parachute school, Ft. Benning, Ga.

By this time the farmer would have been willing to strike a bargain with the devil himself—and no questions asked. He quickly agreed to help his benefactor and before long the engine was purring.

At a prearranged signal, the rest of the “assassination” team soon reached the truck and found hiding places in the load of hay. Within minutes the truck had passed a roadblock, gone over a guarded bridge, and turned into the barnyard where the general had his command post. The sentries casually glanced at the old farmer driving the truck, then resumed their measured pacing. In a matter of seconds they fell victims to the silent raiders—before any alarm could be sounded. The undefended general now became easy prey.

This may sound fantastic, but it actually occurred last fall in an area that measures 9,500 acres. This “proving ground” is located in Wayne County, West Virginia; and the “assassination” team was made up of elite National Guardsmen in an outfit known as B Company, 16th Group of the 1st Special Forces.

The field problem staged by the Special Forces team and a company of Marine Reservists, all stationed at Huntington, is only one of many simulated missions which have occupied the guerrilla fighters since their organization in March, 1959. Other Special Forces Groups also are in training in Utah, Alabama, Louisiana, and in the composite outfit that spreads across West Virginia and part of North Carolina.

The C.O. of this latter outfit is a tall, husky insurance executive who lives at Beckley, W. Va. His name is Lt. Col. William F. Watts and he sums up the mission of Special Forces this way: “Small, elite groups of daring, highly-

trained specialists who will operate right in the enemy’s heartland, organizing sympathetic partisans into guerrilla units and training them to hit the enemy where he least expects it—in the rear of his own lines.”

Imagine, if you can, a mission like this for civilians who are weekend soldiers! Not many years ago it would have been thought impossible. Hardly anyone, in fact, paid any attention when the 81 “Special Forces Detachments” showed up in the National Guard’s new forces structure little more than two years ago. Amidst all of the other companies and detachments which were appearing in the Guard for the first time, these went almost unnoticed. “Yet in that little-publicized addition to the troop list,” Col. Watts says, “the National Guard took on major responsi-

bility for one of the Army’s most hazardous and difficult roles—that of waging guerrilla warfare in enemy-held territory.”

From out of Ft. Bragg, N. C.—the home of the Army’s Special Forces and the tough 82nd Airborne Division—came training advisers and a program designed to scare away sheep in men’s clothing.

Each Guardsman who volunteers for Special Forces—and is selected—must sign a statement that he realizes he may be deployed immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities. These troops will be the first to meet the enemy on his home ground and they must be ready to move out at a moment’s notice.

After volunteering, Guardsmen undertake physical conditioning to get  
*(Continued on page 36)*

Members of Co. B, 16th Special Forces Group, load for a jump on weekend drill at Huntington, W. Va.





# YOU CAN FIGHT *Communism!*

*By Mark Clutter*



ABOVE: In Lemoyne, Pa., a 24-hour community ambulance service is made possible through the efforts of Post 7530. The service is provided free of charge for any citizen having need of it.

BELOW: Organized athletic activities for young boys give the V.F.W. another way to reduce the ranks of idle juveniles looking for "something to do." This basketball team sponsored by Post 1790, Valley Stream, N.Y., is a good example.



EDITOR'S NOTE: If you need to be convinced that you are doing your bit to help fight communism—when you belong to the V.F.W.—this article rates your careful reading. It was written by a newspaper man with more than 20 years of experience as a reporter and editorial writer. He was in charge of the editorial page of the Wichita, Kansas, Beacon, until that newspaper was recently purchased by the publishers of the Wichita Eagle.

As a member of Post 112, Wichita, since 1953, Mark Clutter became acquainted with the aims and activities of the organization. "I would have joined earlier if I had understood the purposes of the V.F.W.," he explains.

Author Clutter's understanding of the V.F.W. from the viewpoint of an objective newspaper man—one who has taken the trouble to truly know the organization as a dues paying member—is most inspiring. He backs up his appraisal with a most significant observation when he says:

"I think it extremely important for eligible newspapermen and others in communications to belong to the V.F.W. The understanding they gain makes it possible for them to serve the public fairly and truthfully."

Comrade Clutter is a Navy veteran of World War II. His several assignments in Asiatic-Pacific areas included service as an enlisted correspondent, attached to Pacific Advanced Headquarters Detachment. He also served a brief tour of duty aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Stoddard.

**7** HERE isn't any way that you, a plain citizen trying to make a living and rear a family and get a little pleasure out of life, can fight communism directly.

That negative statement appears to contradict the title of this article. Actually it does not. It merely sets limits which must be recognized by anyone who wishes to do his part in defeating the Communist conspiracy.

You can't fight communism directly because the enemy is mostly invisible. He seldom presents a target, and when he does, it may not be a real target. The Communists are a secret, criminal, highly disciplined gang. They know how to work underground, how to use the gullible, how to infiltrate and pervert worth-while institutions. To catch them and break up their plots is a job for skilled operatives, such as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Communists are, as J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director pointed out, "masters of deceit."

The chances are that you, a V.F.W. member, don't know any Communists or deep pink fellow travelers. You just don't move in those social circles. How can you fight people you can't identify?

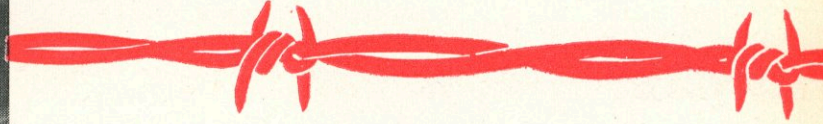
How does a military commander act when the position and plans of the enemy are unknown? He makes his forces as strong and battle-ready as possible. He tautens discipline. He prepares for attack from any possible quarter. He knows his own position thoroughly.

Such strategy is the basis for an effective anti-Communist campaign. Since we, as citizens and veterans, cannot seek out and destroy the enemy, we must make ourselves so strong that he cannot prevail against us.

Any positive and effective anti-Communist campaign must be essentially a pro-Americanism campaign. The conflict is, in its



# HERE'S HOW YOU CAN FIGHT REDS YOU CAN'T IDENTIFY



LEFT: Respect for the American flag was stressed in this ceremony conducted by Post 4903, Tucson, Ariz., when 126 flags were distributed to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops in a ceremony at the Post home.

present phase, a war of ideas. Two opposing ways of life are struggling for world supremacy. It is important to know what communism means, but it is far more important to know what Americanism means.

How good an American are you?

There can be no doubt of your emotional loyalty to flag and nation. If you were less than loyal in your feelings, you would not belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. But do you truly understand what Americanism means? Do you know your own position?

V.F.W. members generally are better informed about Americanism than the average citizen, but one would not have to look far to find a comrade who had only the sketchiest ideas of the laws and traditions that define our freedom.

The lack of understanding of Americanism in the general population is shocking. A survey conducted in some Eastern high schools not long ago showed that many young people did not understand or believe in the basic freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Such boys and girls would be pushovers for wily Communist recruiters.

V.F.W. Posts are in an admirable position to educate their members and their communities in basic Americanism. Such programs can be both direct and indirect in method. Posts can sponsor lecture series, courses and essay contests. They can make it quite clear to school boards that they favor strong courses in American history and government.

Patriotism is a virtue somewhat out of style in our apathetic era. To revive it, many Americans must learn why they should be proud of their Republic. By teaching and example, V.F.W. Posts can help bring about renewed patriotism. *(Continued on page 28)*



ABOVE: To encourage youth interest in scholastic achievements, many V.F.W. Posts award outstanding students. These boys and girls in New Orleans, La., have plaques they received from Post 7586.

BELOW: In Jacksonville, Fla., Post 8978 holds a big Christmas party each year for underprivileged children. Hundreds of V.F.W. Posts sponsor such parties as well as programs of entertainment for children in orphanages and hospitals each year.





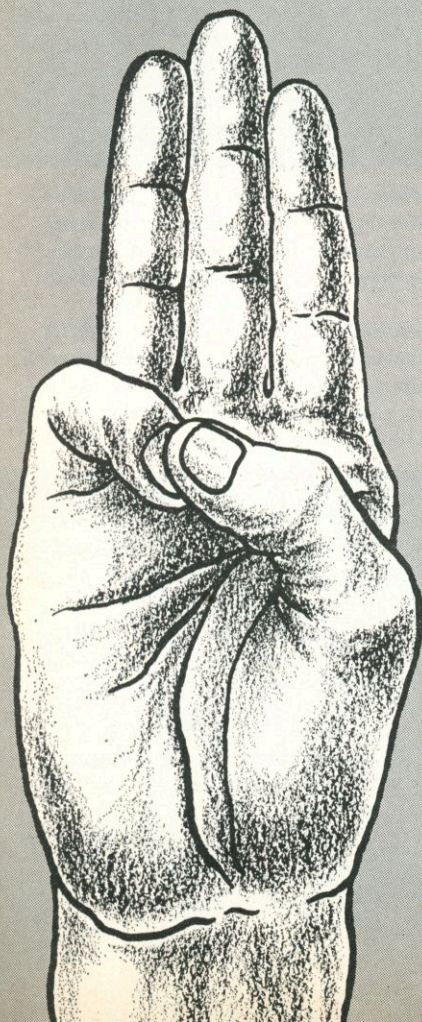
# We Salute the Boy Scouts of America!

AS A SPONSOR OF HUNDREDS OF SCOUT UNITS THE  
V.F.W. HAILS BOY SCOUT WEEK—FEB. 7-13, 1962



“On my honor  
I will do my best  
to do my duty  
to God and  
my country . . .”

—From the Scout Oath.



• *Editor's Note: When Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen's father nominated him for the highest V.F.W. office at the 62nd National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., in August 1961, he referred proudly to his son's climb all the way up the Scouting trail to the rank of Eagle Scout. This early association with the Scouting program made a great impression upon the V.F.W. leader. It explains his deep conviction that V.F.W. work in sponsoring Scouting units is one of the most rewarding of the organization's many youth activity programs.*



*By Robert E. Hansen*

Commander-in-Chief, V.F.W.

**I** WOULD LIKE to see every V.F.W. Post in this country sponsor a Boy Scout Cub pack, a Boy Scout troop, or an Explorer Scout unit. No, this is not merely an expression of wishful thinking. With a little effort I think it would be possible.

You have probably observed, as I have, that people and organizations grow strong by serving others. I feel confident that sponsorship of at least one of the three age-level programs of the Boy Scouts of America is one of the most significant ways a V.F.W. Post can express its desire to serve its community.

The extent of the good we can do cannot be underestimated when we are working with boys. In addition to the satisfaction we receive in aiding them, we enlist their co-operation and respect and the co-operation and respect of their families. We will earn only good will, and thus strengthen our own organization, by helping these people to understand the aims and purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. There is hardly a better way we could accomplish this than to take an active part in the Scouting program.

The V.F.W. is co-operating whole-heartedly in the Scouting program. Under the guidance of the National Youth Activities Committee, more than 1,300 Posts already sponsor Scout units. For the past several years we have sponsored an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a Scout who has demonstrated outstanding attributes of leadership and good citizenship. Beginning this year we will inaugurate a training program for Scout leaders in various V.F.W. units. Each summer we will send four such leaders to the Philmont Scout Ranch, near Cimarron, N.Mex., where they will have the opportunity to supervise the activities of hundreds of youngsters.

The Auxiliary to the V.F.W. annually awards the James E. West Scholarship to an outstanding Scout. This is for achievement in contributing to the conservation of the nation's natural resources. I list these various activities so that you may understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is really in earnest in its efforts to aid

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# V.F.W. Goals to Spur New Congress

By FRANCIS W. STOVER

Director, V.F.W. Legislative Service

**T**HE 2ND SESSION of the 87th Congress has convened. Missing from the Speaker's chair that he occupied for 17 years was the beloved Sam Rayburn. Among Rayburn's many great achievements was his role in helping to obtain passage of the GI bill of 1944. Sam Rayburn had not missed an opening day of the Congress since March 4, 1913.

Also missing from the scene was another distinguished congressman—Overton Brooks of Louisiana, deceased. At the time of his death Congressman Brooks was Chairman of the Science and Astronautics Committee. He had served previously for many years on the Armed Services Committee where he rendered sympathetic and favorable consideration to the many problems of servicemen, including Reservists and National Guardsmen.

Another long time friend of the V.F.W. was absent because he has resigned from the Congress to accept a Presidential appointment as Judge on the United States Court of Military Appeals. This is Paul J. Kilday, Texas. Judge Kilday received one of the highest V.F.W. awards, the Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal and Citation, at the 1961 V.F.W. National Convention for his many outstanding contributions to the security of this nation.

On the Senate side was the conspicuous absence of Styles Bridges, New Hampshire, deceased, who had served continuously in that body since 1937. At the time of his death Senator Bridges was dean of the Republicans and headed the party's Policy Committee.

Moving up the ladder to succeed Sam Rayburn as Speaker of the House was long time Majority Leader John W. McCormack, Massachusetts. Elected to succeed McCormack in the position of Majority Leader was Carl Albert, Oklahoma. Charlie Halleck, Indiana, will continue as Minority Leader of the House. The leadership of the Senate remains the same as the first session with Mike Mansfield, Montana, as Majority Leader and Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota, as assistant Majority Leader. Senator Dirksen, Illinois, continues as the Minority Leader.

## V.F.W. KEY LEGISLATIVE GOALS

An increase in compensation for the service disabled is one of the V.F.W. key objectives for 1962. Other key objectives include the establishment of a standing Committee on Veterans Affairs in the Senate, a separate and more liberal pension program for the veterans of World War I, liberalization of existing pension programs, and additional VA hospital facilities, especially for chronically ill veterans requiring long term care. These objectives were recommended by the V.F.W. National Legislative Committee, headed by Chairman E. K. Collins of Mississippi. They have received the stamp of approval by Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen. The January edition of *V.F.W. Magazine* listed all of the key objectives of the organization for this year.

## OTHER V.F.W. MANDATES

The 62nd V.F.W. National Convention held at Miami Beach, Fla., last August adopted almost 300 resolutions. In addition to those selected as the key objectives were many that reaffirmed many other long standing objectives of the V.F.W. These include the following resolutions: seeking to have the position of Administrator of Veterans Affairs elevated to Cabinet rank; opposing any dismemberment of the VA; preventing any weakening of the Veterans Preference Act; seeking outpatient medical treatment in their hometowns for pensioned veterans in the same manner as now

furnished to Spanish-American War veterans; providing additional compensation for certain severely disabled veterans; liberalizing the pension program for both veterans and widows of veterans; liberalizing the income limitations for pension entitlement; and many others. All of these resolutions were listed in the October issue of *V.F.W. Magazine*. Legislation has been introduced in this Congress that is intended to carry out these objectives.

## VA BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION

At the time of this writing the VA budget for the fiscal year 1963 had not been submitted to the Congress. It is assumed that the request for expenditures for veterans programs will remain about the same as last year or approximately \$5 billion. With an increased national budget, due primarily to stepped up defense programs, there has been considerable emphasis on finding ways and means of avoiding unnecessary expenditures elsewhere in executive agencies. For example, the Veterans Administration has permanently closed 161 contact offices. Consequently, there may also be efforts to slow down some of the hospital construction programs scheduled for the Veterans Administration.

The best available information indicates that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, John S. Gleason, Jr., has convinced the President that instead of a cut back, this program should be revised upwards, with more money being made available for construction, renovation, and modernization of VA hospitals. This is in line with the V.F.W. objective of providing additional hospital facilities for disabled veterans. Hearings concerning the VA appropriations will probably begin some time in March or April by the Independent Offices Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. This Subcommittee is headed by Albert Thomas, Texas. The powerful chairman of the whole Committee is the much admired and respected Clarence Cannon, Missouri.

## VETERANS CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Whether any or all of the V.F.W. mandates are approved by the Congress will, in the final analysis, depend to a large extent upon support from veterans "back home." On the House side the Veterans Affairs Committee, headed by Chairman Olin E. Teague, 6th District, Texas, has jurisdiction over all veterans legislation. The ranking Minority member of the Veterans Affairs Committee is William H. Ayres, Ohio. Both of these gentlemen are World War II veterans and have served on this Committee for many years.

On the Senate side (where the V.F.W. is seeking to have a Veterans Affairs Committee established) veterans legislation is split up among several committees. The bulk of veterans bills are referred to either the Finance Committee or the Labor and Public Welfare Committee. The Finance Committee is headed by Chairman Harry F. Byrd, Virginia, and the Labor and Public Welfare Committee by Chairman Lister Hill, Alabama. The ranking Minority member of the Finance Committee is John J. Williams, Delaware and the ranking Minority member of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee is Barry Goldwater, Arizona.

These Congressional Committees are charged with the responsibility of considering and moving legislation for veterans and their dependents and surviving widows, children and dependent parents. All V.F.W. members interested in having any V.F.W. mandates or objectives approved by Congress should write not only their own Senators and Congressman but also the Chairmen of these Committees. [The End]



# Christmas at the National Home

## HOME CHILDREN ENJOY ANNUAL PARTY GIVEN BY THE M.O.C.

**A**LTHOUGH icy roads all over Michigan held down the usual high attendance, there was no lack of enthusiasm among those present for the annual "Cootie Christmas Party" at the V.F.W. National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich. Held on Dec. 17 under the sponsorship of the Military Order of the Cootie, the party was the usual outstanding success and highlight of the year for the children of the Home.

More than 200 children, plus scores of adult guests, gathered in the big auditorium of the Community Center for the afternoon of fun and entertainment. Directing the event as usual was Dept. of Michigan Adjutant-Quartermaster Christie J. Braun who has served as chairman of the Cootie party for years.

On hand to help the youngsters celebrate were many distinguished guests including V.F.W. Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen, Michigan's Governor John B. Swainson, with his two young children, Supreme Commander John W. Burnette, representing the Military Order of the Cootie, and many other officials of the V.F.W. and M.O.C.



Distinguished guests at the annual Cootie Christmas party at the National Home included Michigan's Governor John B. Swainson, right, with his children, Kristina and Peter; V.F.W. Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen (white cap) and M.O.C. Supreme Commander John W. Burnette (left). In the background are some of the 200 children who attended the party in the Community Center.

To entertain the children the Cooties of Michigan provided a three-act stage show featuring some of the top talent of the nation. There were the Romigs, a clown act with a talking pony and a trick mule; Rajah and Ramee, a novelty musical act, and the Engfords, an acrobatic team. The music, which was acclaimed by all, was provided by a 12-piece orchestra furnished free of charge again this year by the Lansing Federation of Musicians, Local No. 303.

And last but not least, of course, was the appearance of old Santa Claus himself, played as in all the past years by Dept. of Michigan Inspector James R. Tribbey. Santa distributed gifts to each youngster and housemother. These included a cash gift, a box of candy and other Yule goodies, and a scale model automobile. The automobiles were procured, with the compliments of the Ford Motor Co., Detroit, by Dept. Junior Vice Commander Ernest Stratychuk. [The End]



Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen (center) helps Santa Claus, played by Dept. of Michigan Inspector James R. Tribbey, pass out Christmas gifts to two of the children who live at the V.F.W. National Home. At right is M.O.C. party chairman Christie J. Braun, Dept. Adjutant-Quartermaster.



Little Diana Sherrer of the National Home, the 1962 Junior Buddy Poppy Girl, receives a gift from M.O.C. Supreme Commander Burnette.

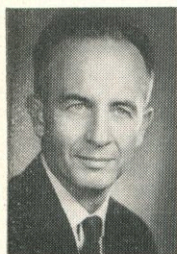


# Probing the Atom For Peaceful Uses

CHILDREN OF V.F.W. MEMBERS ARE AMONG YOUNG SCIENCE  
STUDENTS WHO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE OF ATOMIC PROGRESS

*By John H. Marean*

President, National Science Teachers Association



**JOHN H. MAREAN** Editor's Note: John H. Marean, president of the National Science Teachers Association, has had a distinguished career as a secondary school teacher. A science teacher at Reno High School, Reno, Nevada, he is also a consultant in physics to the San Francisco Board of Education and a laboratory lecturer in science and mathematics at the University of Nevada. A pilot during World War II, he was attached to night fighter squadrons and was discharged a captain. He was presiding moderator at the opening session of the National Youth Conference on the Atom.

**I**N THE MIDST of the roar that greeted the Soviets' decision to resume nuclear testing, some of this nation's finest young science students were attending a conference held in Chicago during November to look deeper into the atom. The conference's purpose, however, was to show how the atom could serve man rather than destroy him.

The occasion was the National Youth Conference on the Atom, which brought together more than 300 of the nation's most brilliant teen-age science students

plus 200 science teachers for a first hand glimpse of the atom's peaceful applications.

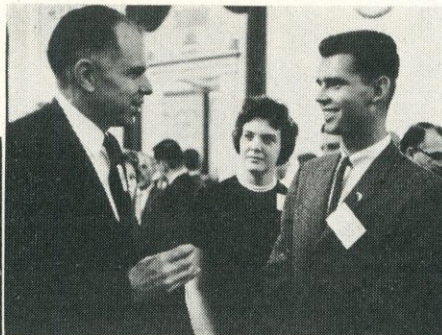
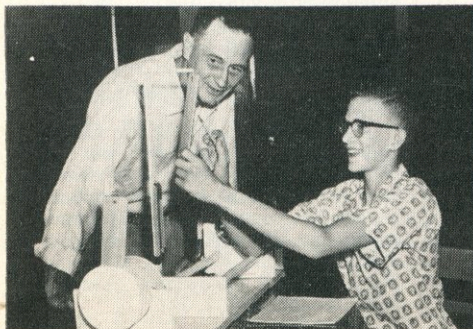
The strange juxtaposition between Russia's nuclear announcement and the purpose of the Youth Conference provided a meaningful contrast to the hundreds of delegates attending and to the eminent scientists participating in the conference.

The presence of Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, emphasized that even while America arms for defense, it must spend time and energy to advance the interests of peace and to provide for the welfare of future generations in the years to come.

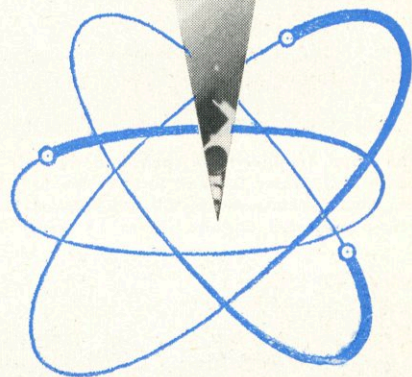
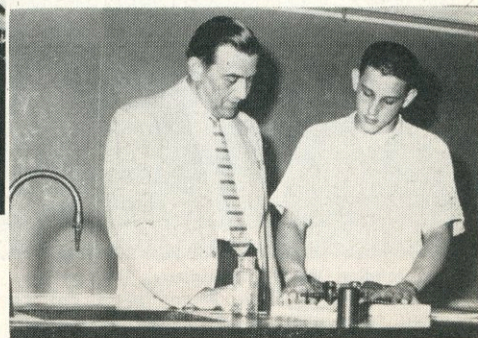
Sons of V.F.W. members participating in the conference made noteworthy contributions to it, asking questions and discussing important areas of science with some of America's most noted scientists.

John T. Grega, Jr., whose father is a member of V.F.W. Post 6694, Baltimore, Md., sought out Dr. Seaborg at the reception prior to the banquet to ask him about the nation's needs for young scientists. Young Grega was told this nation had an ever-increasing need for men of science. (Continued on page 42)

**RIGHT:** John T. Grega, Jr. (right) questions Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, about the role of scientists in government as Judy Babb, New Palz, N.Y., listens. **BELOW:** Dale Fossler shows his father, V.F.W. member of Post 5640, Middleburg, Pa., how much heat light waves pick up and carry.



**UPPER RIGHT:** Delegates to the National Youth Conference on the Atom look into a pool of water where radioactive material emits gamma rays. **RIGHT:** Dr. Kent Wattleworth, member of V.F.W. Post 4226, Olney, Ill., with his son, Robert, who is vice president of his school's science club and plans on being a physicist.





## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Annual Washington Conference To Be Held February 3-6

WITH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Robert E. Hansen presiding, the annual V.F.W. Conference of National Officers and Department Commanders is scheduled for Feb. 3-6 in Washington, D.C.

Among the conference highlights will be Commander-in-Chief Hansen's presentation of the V.F.W. legislative program to members of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. The appearance of the V.F.W. delegation before the House Committee is to be on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

During the annual Congressional Banquet on Feb. 6, Robert E. Kintner, president of the National Broadcasting Company, will be presented the Commander-in-Chief's Gold Medal Award for his "outstanding achievements in the field of news and public affairs programming."

The opening conference session is to be on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, following committee meetings that will begin on Saturday and continue to Sunday noon.

Representatives of the State and Defense Departments and the Civil Defense will give briefings on current events in their respective government areas. These briefings are to be held during the opening Sunday session.

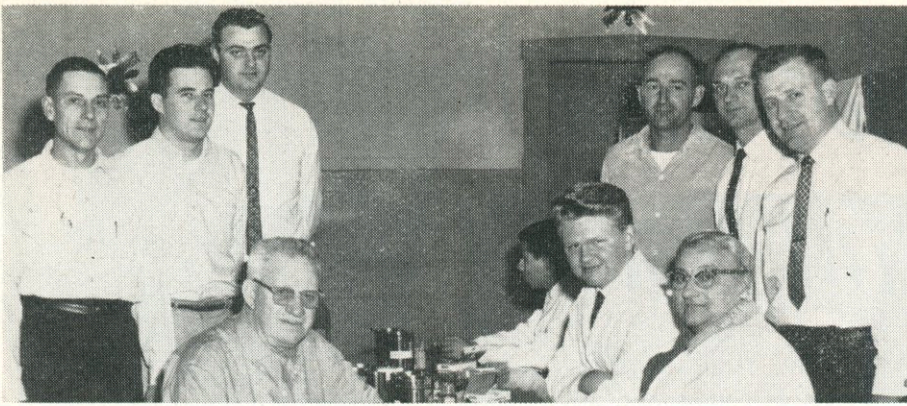
All Department Commanders and their staffs are scheduled to visit their congressmen on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

A conference innovation this year will be the presence of the state Voice of Democracy winners, who will be among the honored guests during the Congressional Banquet. In addition, the winners will spend several days on a V.F.W. chaperoned tour of the nation's capital.

A major facet of the tour for the high school contest winners will be a visit to the White House where they are to be greeted by President Kennedy.

The Department Voice of Democracy contest winners from 50 states and the District of Columbia will learn of the first place national winner in an announcement to be made at the Congressional Banquet.

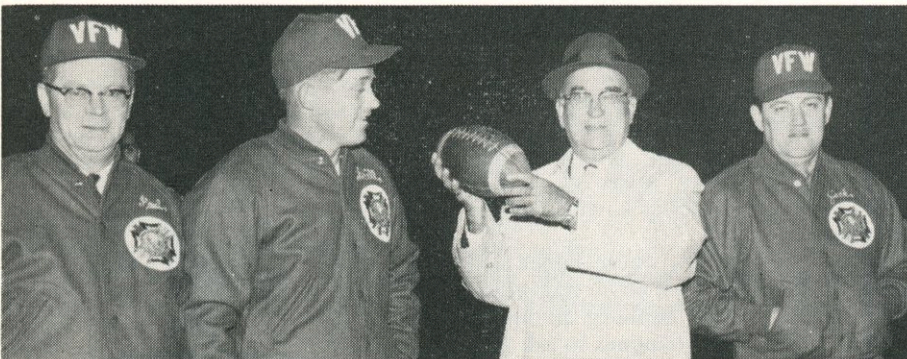
Commander-in-Chief Hansen will present the scholarship awards of \$1,500,



Helping Post 2149, Bensenville, Ill., reach its quota during a recent blood donor program was the family of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Luebking, seated in foreground. The couple's six sons also gave blood. They are, standing from left, Erwin, Jr., Warren, Leonard, George, James and Ralph. The father and five of his sons are V.F.W. members. Mrs. Luebking is a member of the Post's Ladies Auxiliary unit.



As a community service project, Post 6975, Bristol, Va., sponsored a diabetic detection clinic during Diabetic Detection Week (nationally sponsored by the American Diabetic Assn.) last November. A total of 752 tests were run and three positive cases found. Members of the Post's Ladies Auxiliary to Post 6975 ran the tests under the direction of Post Surgeon Dr. Guy C. Richardson, extreme right.



The boys' football team sponsored by Post 3580, Blue Island, Ill., won the championship of the South End Junior Football League this fall. Pictured at the final championship game, left to right, are Paul Jenkins, coach; Bill Broukal, coach; Mayor John S. Hart and Jack Ivo, team manager. The team, composed of boys 11 to 15 years old, won ten games and lost none to win the title.



Members of the firing squad of Post 3312, Belle Fourche, S. Dak., take an active part in community events, lending V.F.W. atmosphere. The uniforms were purchased by the Post. Kneeling, left to right: Al Davis, Al Shaw, Roger Krause, Post Commander Max Taylor and Joe Gordon, bugler. Standing, same order, Roy Berglund, W. Jorgenson, Max Vigoren, Emmett Riley, Eddie Eixenberger, Ralph Madison, S. Richardson, Forrest Giannonatti, Louis Podio, Shelley Shaw and James Loose.

### Supplement to Post Service Officers Pocket Guide

- Supplement No. 1 to the 8th edition of the V.F.W. Post Service Officers Pocket Guide contains additional information and changes accomplished by laws or regulatory amendments since Jan. 1, 1961.

The Supplement was published Dec. 1, 1961, and has been distributed to each individual who has a copy of the 8th edition of the Pocket Guide.

If you have a copy of the Guide, and for any reason have not received a copy of the Supplement, you may obtain a copy without charge by writing to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Rehabilitation Service, National Memorial Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C.



\$1,000, \$750 and \$500 to the students who place in the top four nationally. Although those contestants who place in the top four will be notified prior to the dinner, the order in which the winners place will not be made known until the banquet.

#### Commander-in-Chief Urges End to Medical Charge Rumor

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Robert E. Hansen recently urged Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to "put to immediate rest rumors that the Defense Department would soon impose a \$1.00 charge on all medical calls made by service dependents at military hospitals and dispensaries."

In his statement to Secretary McNamara, Hansen said: "I have found the men serving in the Armed Forces deeply disturbed and disillusioned by current rumors that their dependents will soon be charged for medical service. Traditionally, such medical care has been used as an inducement to those enlisting for service in the Armed Forces. Now, to suddenly place a charge on such medical care would be a complete breach of faith with the men now serving our country."

"I sincerely hope that these rumors are not true," Hansen told the Secretary, "and I urge that you immediately disavow the rumors. This will assure our men and women in the Armed Forces that such a decree will not be forthcoming."

#### V.F.W. Officers Urged to Plan Now for Loyalty Day

STRESSING importance of planning now for May 1 Loyalty Day programs throughout the nation, William J. Tepsic, National Loyalty Day Committee Chairman recently contacted all V.F.W. Post, District and Department Commanders urging their immediate action in organizing Loyalty Day ceremonies in their areas.

"Each year has shown an increase in the number of Loyalty Day observances and participants," Tepsic said. "This year, as in the past, the key to success will be in having your chairman start now to plan for your Loyalty Day program."

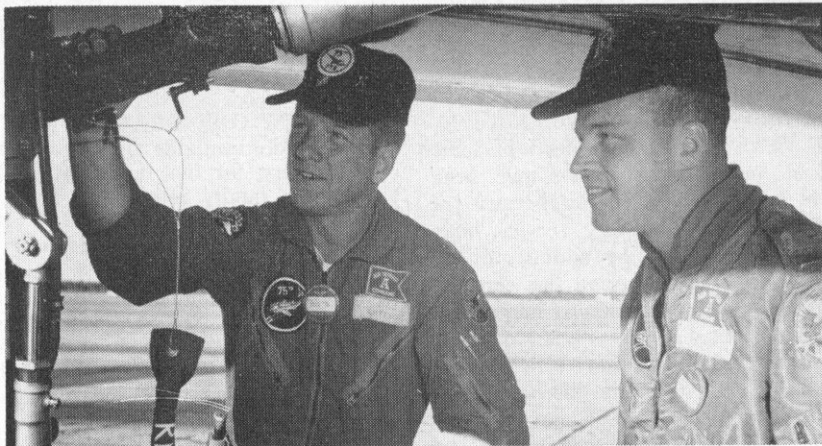
Tepsic reminded the commanders that the V.F.W. initiated Loyalty Day and followed it through until the observance became a public day of recognition through federal action.

In his letter, Tepsic included a Loyalty Day kit with pamphlets explaining the program, suggested proclamations for local officials to endorse, flag etiquette booklets, scrapbook contest information blanks, and order forms for Loyalty Day supplies.

Tepsic said that commanders should urge their committees to promote as much local publicity as possible in setting up the forthcoming Loyalty Day programs. Advance stories to news media will acquaint the public with the nature of Loyalty Day and the approaching program planned in the community.

Additional information will be supplied leading up to Loyalty Day, Tepsic said. He also pointed out that all Department Presidents of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary have been contacted to aid in the project.

Correspondence relating to Loyalty Day information should be sent to National Loyalty Day Director Paul J. Loney, V.F.W. National Headquarters, 34th at Broadway, Kansas City 11, Mo.



Major William W. Gutches (left) and 1st Lt. Jon L. Davis, Radar Officer, make an inspection of their F-101 Voodoo air defense interceptor plane. Major Gutches is credited with having flown 500 combat missions, a record that is unequalled by any other pilot in the Air Force.

## THIS PILOT HOLDS THE RECORD FOR MISSIONS FLOWN IN COMBAT

**A** PILOT WHO has flown more wartime combat missions than any other man is still flying for the U.S. Air Force today. He is Major William H. Gutches, 38, Wallington, N. J., now serving as Operations Officer of the 75th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Dow Air Force Base, Maine.

During World War II—from Aug. 1944, through Sept. 1945—Major Gutches completed 425 combat missions in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations. His missions included the capturing of a Japanese-held airfield in Burma in a night landing with a load of Commandos.

In addition, he flew in low-level flights in support of ground forces, and dropped paratroopers and Allied intelligence operatives behind enemy lines. Major Gutches also made four combat glider drops, flew photo reconnaissance and low-level spotting missions in a primary trainer, and

dropped mortar shells on enemy tanks from a twin-engined C-47 Skytrain transport.

During one period in 1944, he flew as many as six missions a day. In one three-month monsoon (rainy) season he logged better than 390 hours, all combat flying. "Things were hectic at that time", the major said. "We would fly anything with wings. In fact, my motto was 'I'll fly anything, anytime, anyplace'."

Major Gutches added another 75 hours to his total during the Korean conflict, doing much the same type of work as in World War II. He has been a jet interceptor pilot since 1952.

"I've flown approximately 30 different types of military aircraft in logging the 4,500 hours I have to my credit," he explained, "but if you want to add on the 20 varieties of civilian planes that I have piloted, the total would be nearer 7,500 hours."



Members of the firing squad of Post 5195, Brooklyn, N.Y., pose in their new uniforms. From left are Jere Caramico, Richard Leahy, Bernard Del Porie, John Schell, Post Commander Arthur Gulbrandson, Joseph Sullivan, captain; John Merina, Thomas O'Connor, Joseph Graves and James Panetta.



# REHABILITATION

## More Eligible for Discharge Travel Time Credit

SOME VETERANS, and widows of some deceased veterans, who have not been eligible for Federal benefits because of insufficient active military service, may now become eligible by adding to the veteran's active duty period the certified time it took to proceed directly home after separation from service.

Veterans Administration officials explained that all veterans discharged or released after Dec. 31, 1956, have already been credited with this travel time. A law passed last summer extended this provision to all other veterans.

The pension claims of some 2,500 veterans and a number of widows have been disallowed by the VA because the veterans had less than 90 days of service. By adding the travel time as certified by the veteran's service department, some of these veterans will now have the 90 days of service needed to qualify.

The new law is particularly important to Spanish-American War veterans, who qualify for a special lower-rate pension if they have at least 70 days of active service. The homeward travel time of those who were previously ineligible may give them the necessary 70 days to meet the service requirement. Others who are receiving the lower-rate pension, may have their service period increased to 90 days and qualify for the regular service pension at the higher rate.

The VA can identify and is reviewing all 70-day cases which may become eligible for the regular service pension.

But Spanish-American War veterans who had less than 70 days of service are not known to the VA. Neither are the widows of Spanish-American War veterans who previously had less than 90 days of service. Any of these who think that the addition of the travel time from the place of discharge to the veteran's home would make them eligible for a pension, should contact the nearest VA regional office.

## VA Treating 30,000 Cancer Cases Per Year

VETERANS stricken by cancer are being treated in Veterans Administration hospitals at the rate of some 30,000 per year.

Somewhat more than half are new cases of the disease. In about 40 per cent of these, the cancer has been discovered at an early stage, while it is still localized and cure is likely.

The lungs are by far the most frequent location of cancers among newly-diagnosed VA patients. The skin is second, and the prostate gland is third.

These are a few of the cancer facts just becoming available from the VA Central Cancer Registry, which is the first nationwide registration of cancer patients

## New Gravesite Policy Affects Arlington Cemetery

• ONLY ONE GRAVESITE will be made available in Arlington Cemetery for the burial of each eligible family unit under a new policy which became effective in October at the national cemetery, Washington, D.C.

In the announcement from the offices of the Army Quartermaster General, it was pointed out that the new policy will prolong the availability of space in the historic cemetery.

Under former provisions of the rescinded plan, officer personnel were entitled to two grave sites and enlisted men entitled to one. As the need arises, the policy at Arlington will be applied to other national cemeteries.

designed to obtain epidemiological and survivorship information over a period of at least five years.

Eventually, the registry will show the results of different kinds of treatment and thus will be of much value in selection of the most promising treatments for wider use and further development.

The information also will provide the basis for studies of rare forms of cancer about which little is known at present.

## Total Disability Riders For NSLI Policy Holders

MORE THAN three million veterans holding National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) still have the opportunity of buying a low cost total disability income rider for their GI policies.

This rider was first offered to veterans in November of 1958. Since that time nearly 800,000 of the 4.5 million policyholders eligible have applied for the rider.

Those policyholders who have bought this rider and who become totally disabled from any cause before age 60, and while their rider is in effect, will receive a monthly income of \$10 for each \$1,000 face value of their policies. Payments will continue for the duration of the disability regardless of its length.

The rider ceases to exist after age 60 and no payment is made for disabilities incurred after that age. The premium cost of the rider varies with the policyholder's age, type of policy and its face amount.

Veterans whose age at nearest birthday is 40 or less may get the rider without physical examination. Those older are required to submit to a physical examination by either VA physicians or their own local doctors. VA medical application forms must be used.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at any Veterans Administration regional office.

## 200,000 Korean Veterans Still Eligible for Dividend

MAILING OF nearly \$30 million in special dividend checks to 400,000 Korean War veterans holding "W" type GI insurance policies is now virtually complete, John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, has disclosed.

However, more than 200,000 Korean veterans are still eligible for this special dividend. They hold "RS" type GI policies and must convert to or exchange for "W" type insurance before Sept. 14, 1963, in order to qualify for the special dividend.

On or after that date, while they may still convert to a permanent plan "W" type policy or exchange their temporary policy for a lower premium term "W" type policy, they will not be eligible to receive the special dividend.

Each of these "RS" policyholders will receive a letter from the VA early in 1962 explaining the advantages of changing to "W" type policies.

"RS" insurance was issued to Korean veterans discharged between April 25, 1951, and Dec. 31, 1956, as five-year term policies not eligible for dividends. The new type "W" policies were established in January, 1959.

"W" insurance, VA emphasized, is non-participating and therefore not eligible for regular dividends. A bill signed into law Sept. 13, 1961, authorized the special dividend now being paid from an available surplus in the non-participating fund. There will be no further dividends on the insurance.

Veterans will not have to write the VA concerning their "RS" policies since they will receive word from the VA directly. A flow of correspondence may delay the actual processing of the "RS" policies.

## Better to Write VA Regional Offices

INFORMATION concerning benefits processed by the Veterans Administration may be obtained much more quickly by writing or visiting local VA Regional Offices, rather than writing VA Central Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Specific requests for information concerning individual cases cannot be handled in Washington, the VA points out. These must be supplied by the office where the records, files and case folders pertaining to the individual veteran are maintained.

All records of this type are kept in VA Regional Offices and inquiries about particular problems must be referred to the Regional Office having jurisdiction over the records of the veteran concerned.

When veterans write their VA Regional Office for information, they should include their full name, complete address, birthdate and claim number ("C"), if they have one. This will identify the veteran and assist the VA in locating promptly papers and records sometimes needed in supplying answers to queries.



## NATIONAL HOME

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** The 5th District, Dept. of Illinois, has done it again. With Commander Ray Mann and Co-chairmen Art Dickelman and Ann Martin as leaders, the District topped its last year's donation by providing nearly \$850.00 worth of jams and jellies and approximately \$2,400.00 in cash for the National Home. This sixth annual gift of the 5th District will be a tremendous boon to the Home's food budget. It is one of the reasons that, in spite of rising living costs, the cost of feeding our children continues to decline.

Again this year the National Home is indebted to Post 6754, Spruce, Mich., for its annual gift of Christmas trees. Each year these V.F.W. members cut the trees in the woods of Northern Michigan and bring them to the Home—a distance of nearly 200 miles. Thanks to them not a single cottage or building does without its tree.

Another greatly appreciated gift came from Post 9723, Goekue, Okinawa. These good members sent us \$7,000.00 to purchase a school bus. The Home owns four 64-passenger buses but one must be replaced now and another next year (the Dept. of Louisiana has asked for the project of furnishing the bus next year).

**NORTH DAKOTA COTTAGE:** The beautiful new tri-level North Dakota cottage is now near completion and will be a wonderful asset to the Home campus. Standing on the site of the old farm house, this cottage will be one of the first buildings to greet visitors arriving on V.F.W. highway from Eaton Rapids. With the addition of the North Dakota cottage, the Home will have 32 cottages with the capacity to house 230 children. There are also about 20 other buildings on the campus, including the hospital, guest lodge, community center, Woodside Center, nursery, administration building and laundry.

**ELM TREES REPLACED:** The Dutch Elm disease has struck a heavy blow at the National Home, making it necessary to remove 18 trees from the campus and recreation area. The Dept. of Michigan, under the leadership of National Home Chairman Elmer Mills, undertook the project of replacing these trees this past fall with beautiful and fast growing soft maples. The project assures much beauty for the campus for years to come.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOME:** What more appropriate gift for a Past Post Commander or Past Auxiliary President than a life membership in that great "living monument" of the V.F.W., the V.F.W. National Home. All life memberships are placed in a special endowment fund to insure the future of the Home. Every Post and Auxiliary that holds a life membership in the Home has a voice in the management of the Home. The cost of a life membership is only \$25.00. Send your check, payable to the V.F.W. National Home, today and a beautiful engraved certificate will be sent to you.

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Members of Post 6483, Milford, Del., and the Ladies Auxiliary obtained 20 books and presented them to the Milford Public Library in memory of the community's honored war dead. From left are Auxiliary President Hilda R. Cannon, Dr. Robert Shilling, library commission chairman; Auxiliary Community Service Chairman Margaret Hugg, Miss Edith Simpson, librarian; Past Dept. Commander David S. Hugg, Post Commander John M. Short and Martha Montgomery, junior girls' unit.





Members of V.F.W. Ship 1774, San Diego, Calif., are shown prior to leaving for the San Ysabel Indian Reservation where they delivered two tons of clothing and 2,000 cans of food to needy residents. At far left is Commander W. Happy Blake. All material and use of trucks, was donated.



In token of the community's pride, Post 1603, Auburn, Maine, recently presented a state flag to Co. A, Maine National Guard. The military unit was among those called to active duty for one year. Pictured at the presentation ceremony, left to right, are Past Post Commander Lewis Campbell, Past Post Commander Norman Greeley, Capt. Frank W. Bolduc, Co. A Commander; Post Commander George Janice, Past Post Commander Ralph Hamilton and Past Post Commander Robert Tiner.



Members of Post 2181, Exeter, N.H., recently took part in a mortgage-burning ceremony for their Post home. From left: George Lang, Dept. Commander Romeo Marquis, Walter Godd, Eugene Plouffe, Mary Lang, Auxiliary President Gertrude Guptill, Past Department Auxiliary President Marian Frame, Josephine Plouffe, James Rowe, Senior Vice Commander Michael Mahar, Commander Joseph Pluff.



Members of Post 9527, Baltimore, Md., witness the presentation at their Post Home of a plaque for heroism to John Carter (third from left) who rescued four children from a burning home without thought of his personal safety. L to R: Quartermaster Edward Schley, Ladies Auxiliary President Catherine Chapman, Carter, Commander John R. Taylor, P.R.O. Charles Harriday and Chaplain Grant Biddle.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Aide-de-Camp Appointments Made During December

THE FOLLOWING V.F.W. members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of December.

To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the 1962 dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

The new appointments are as follows: Quinton R. Bowers, Post 668, Birmingham, Ala.; Eddie M. Stewart, Post 2702, Huntsville, Ala.; Robert M. Morrow, Post 69, Palo Alto, Calif.; Chester R. Olmanson, Post 818, Daly City, Calif.; Harold T. Gustafson, Post 1010, Emeryville, Calif.; Edward J. Aitken, Post 7788, Milford, Conn.; John R. Lewis, Post 3233, Sarasota, Fla.; Francis J. Augustine, Post 1432, Salina, Kans.; Thomas Seitz Jr., Post 9076, Hays, Kans.; Wilbur J. Martel, Post 2130, Lake Charles, La.; W. K. Gandy, Post 4272, Columbus, Miss.; Philip Damico, Post 2867, Garfield, N.J.; Henry W. Wick, Post 885, College Point, N.Y.; John Sparks, Jr., Post 3809, Franklin, Ohio.; Clarence M. Weik, Post 3376, Ephrata, Penn.; Nick Venza, Post 4848, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ed Linder, Post 4848, Chattanooga, Tenn.;

### Big Ten Army Wrests Lead From Western Conference

FOR THE THIRD consecutive month a new conference Army has forged into the membership contest lead. In the latest standings the Big Ten has moved out front with a 59.83 per cent score at the end of December.

Changing places with the new leader is the Western Army with a percentage of 59.44. The Southern Army, with a 58.02 per cent standing held its third place ground. Remaining in fourth place was the Eastern Army which showed a gain from 36.56 per cent to a current 52.28 per cent, but was unable to move up the contest ladder.

Army standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters and postmarked through Dec. 31, 1961.

### Have You Moved?

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# COMMANDERS OF THE MONTH



Arthur J. Muller  
ILLINOIS



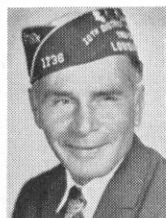
Audie W. Rainbolt  
INDIANA



Merton Olson  
NEBRASKA



Ravee N. Hughes  
ALABAMA



Joseph E. Nicotre  
LOUISIANA



Kenton E. Scott  
ARIZONA



Robert E. Sargent  
DIST. OF COLUMBIA

• The only casualty in the third Commander-of-the-Month competition of this membership year was in Division IV. Commander James L. Lusby, Connecticut, a first time winner in November, lost his title to Ravee N. Hughes, Alabama, who regained the title he first won in October.

Commanders whose Departments lead in membership each month in each of the seven membership divisions are named Commanders-of-the-Month. The December winners, with their total number of wins are as follows:

Arthur J. Muller, Div. I, Ill. (3);  
Audie W. Rainbolt, Div. II, Ind. (3);  
Merton Olson, Div. III, Nebr. (3);  
Ravee N. Hughes, Div. IV, Ala. (2);  
Joseph E. Nicotre, Div. V, La. (3);  
Kenton E. Scott, Div. VI, Ariz. (3);  
Robert E. Sargent, Div. VII, Dist. of Col. (3).

Departments with a 1961 membership of less than 2,000 members as of Dec. 31, 1961, are not eligible for this contest.

## POSTS OF 1,000 OR MORE MEMBERS

As of Dec. 31, 1961

1990	Greenville, Tennessee	1,610	3851	Carmi, Illinois	1,154
668	Birmingham, Alabama	1,319	2825	Chicago Heights, Illinois	1,124
3382	Kingsport, Tennessee	1,305	1874	Grand Forks, North Dakota	1,108
112	Wichita, Kansas	1,300	49	Mobile, Alabama	1,077
2702	Huntsville, Alabama	1,271	2055	Centralia, Illinois	1,040
283	Kingson, Pennsylvania	1,232	762	Fargo, North Dakota	1,037
4848	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1,200	47	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	1,005
131	Lincoln, Nebraska	1,164			

When a Post attains a total of 1,000 or more members for 1962 it will be added to this list

## SEVEN DIVISION CONTEST

• Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters and postmarked through Dec. 31, 1961.

### DIVISION I

(Departments over 45,000)

1.	Illinois	63.71
2.	Minnesota	61.04
3.	California	58.35
4.	Michigan	55.77
5.	New York	53.36
6.	Ohio	52.18
7.	Pennsylvania	50.83

### DIVISION II

(Departments between 30,000 and 45,000)

1.	Indiana	66.65
2.	Kansas	61.44
3.	Texas	56.42
4.	New Jersey	55.95
5.	Massachusetts	52.56

### DIVISION III

(Departments between 20,000 and 30,000)

1.	Nebraska	71.96
2.	Georgia	63.18
3.	Wisconsin	62.21
4.	Tennessee	61.92
5.	Missouri	61.59
6.	Iowa	59.60

### DIVISION IV

(Departments between 15,000 and 20,000)

1.	Alabama	65.45
2.	Washington	64.23
3.	Connecticut	62.82
4.	West Virginia	59.03
5.	Kentucky	51.18
6.	Mississippi	50.38
7.	North Carolina	49.44

### DIVISION V

(Departments between 10,000 and 15,000)

1.	Louisiana	75.76
2.	South Dakota	64.12
3.	Colorado	57.34
4.	Virginia	56.27
5.	Florida	54.11
6.	Maryland	53.88
7.	Oklahoma	48.20

### DIVISION VI

(Departments between 5,000 and 10,000)

1.	Arizona	74.00
2.	North Dakota	61.53
3.	Montana	58.59
4.	Oregon	58.55
5.	Wyoming	55.47
6.	New Hampshire	52.63
7.	South Carolina	51.50
8.	Rhode Island	49.20
9.	New Mexico	47.99
10.	Maine	47.91
11.	Arkansas	44.12

### DIVISION VII

(Departments under 5,000)

1.	District of Columbia	71.83
2.	Nevada	55.18
3.	Utah	52.07
4.	Hawaii	50.11
5.	Delaware	42.95
6.	Idaho	42.57
7.	Vermont	40.51
8.	Canal Zone	35.70
9.	Alaska	34.16

## ORDER OF PARADE

NATIONAL AVERAGE—57.30

• The positions that Departments will occupy in the parade at the 1962 National Convention will be determined by their membership standing on June 30, 1962. These standings will be determined on the basis of their 1962 membership strength, as compared to their membership strength on Dec. 31, 1961. The standings listed below are based on per capita tax transmittals received at the National Headquarters and postmarked through Dec. 31, 1961.

1.	Louisiana	75.76	27.	Michigan	55.77
2.	Arizona	74.00	28.	Wyoming	55.47
3.	Nebraska	71.96	29.	Nevada	55.18
4.	District of Columbia	71.83	30.	Florida	54.11
5.	Indiana	66.65	31.	Maryland	53.88
6.	Alabama	65.45	32.	New York	53.36
7.	Washington	64.23	33.	New Hampshire	52.63
8.	South Dakota	64.12	34.	Massachusetts	52.56
9.	Illinois	63.71	35.	Ohio	52.18
10.	Georgia	63.18	36.	Utah	52.07
11.	Connecticut	62.82	37.	South Carolina	51.50
12.	Wisconsin	62.21	38.	Kentucky	51.18
13.	Tennessee	61.92	39.	Pennsylvania	50.83
14.	Missouri	61.59	40.	Mississippi	50.38
15.	North Dakota	61.53	41.	Hawaii	50.11
16.	Kansas	61.44	42.	North Carolina	49.44
17.	Minnesota	61.04	43.	Rhode Island	49.20
18.	Iowa	59.60	44.	Oklahoma	48.20
19.	West Virginia	59.03	45.	New Mexico	47.99
20.	Montana	58.59	46.	Maine	47.91
21.	Oregon	58.55	47.	Arkansas	44.12
22.	California	58.35	48.	Delaware	42.95
23.	Colorado	57.34	49.	Idaho	42.57
24.	Texas	56.42	50.	Vermont	40.51
25.	Virginia	56.27	51.	Canal Zone	35.70
26.	New Jersey	55.95	52.	Alaska	34.16



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1961-62 Series

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- Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the anniversary of the sinking of the U. S. S. Maine in Havana Harbor, February 15, 1898. A special meeting may be held or a program arranged as a special order of business at the regular Post meeting to commemorate our Comrades of the Spanish-American War who gave their services in our Nation's cause.
  - Announcement is made of the meeting of the National Council of Administration in the Continental Room, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 3, 1962, prior to the conference of Department Commanders and National Officers.
  - Attention is again called to the conference of Department Commanders and National Officers in Washington, D. C., February 3-6, 1962.
  - Department Adjutants who have not yet advised the Adjutant General of the time and place of their 1962 Department Conventions will do so at once.
  - Announcement is made of the consolidation of Alhambra Post No. 3089, Alhambra, California, and Edward Munday Post No. 6745, South San Gabriel, California, the consolidated Post to be known as Edward Munday Post No. 3089, South San Gabriel, California.
  - Announcement is made of the consolidation of Covered Wagon Post No. 3476, Layton, Utah, and Clearfield Post No. 8307, Clearfield, Utah, the consolidated Post to be known as Clearfield-Layton Post No. 8307, Clearfield, Utah.
  - So much of paragraph 5, General Orders No. 4, 1961-62 series as announced the authorization of charter to Post No. 7443, Preston, Virginia, is hereby corrected to show the official location as Martinsville, Virginia.
  - Announcement is hereby made of the authorization of charters to the following Posts:
- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| No. 1883, Fountain City, Tenn.   | No. 5130, Valley, Nebr.     |
| No. 2377, Glendale Heights, Ill. | No. 8907, Richardson, Texas |
| No. 2623, Mountain Grove, Mo.    |                             |

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JULIAN DICKENSON  
Adjutant General

By Command of:

ROBERT E. HANSEN  
Commander-in-Chief





# POST NEWS

## Los Angeles, California

● Two V.F.W. Posts in the Los Angeles area, Post 9815 in the Fifth District, and Post 2282, Seventh District, are planning a V.F.W.-R.O.T.C. marksmanship program for city and county high school R.O.T.C. cadets.

The marksmanship program is to be a county-wide community service endeavor with additional Posts from the Fourth and Sixth Districts expected to participate.

Facilities of Post 9815's rifle and pistol club will be used by the cadets. This includes Army ordnance equipment issued to Post 9815. A Post wishing to enter a particular high school unit may do so at no financial obligation for equipment. However, Posts would provide official V.F.W. medals and trophies.

## McPherson, Kansas

● Located on the west side of McPherson, the new home of Post 2715 was recently dedicated by members during a three-day special program of activities. The 115x45 foot building was completed in November.

One of the events of the opening festivities was a "Bosses Night" program, especially for the community's businessmen.

The building is air-conditioned throughout, and contains kitchen facilities, a dance floor, meeting rooms and lounge.

## Painesville, Ohio

● When the U. S. Marine Corps band played at a recent concert in the Riverside High School for the benefit of the school's band, members of Post 2595 contributed valuable assistance to the community-wide event.

As their month's community service project, 17 members of the Post assisted in traffic control work and parking cars at the school during the afternoon and evening performances.

After the evening concert, Post 2595 personnel were hosts to band members at a buffet supper.

## Pawcatuck, Connecticut

● Youth activities programs at Post 1265 benefited from proceeds received at a Post Christmas party attended by members and the Ladies Auxiliary. Groups in the Post's youth activities program include the Teener League baseball team, the Boy Scout troop and the football and basketball teams.

Chairman of the egg-nog party during the Yule season was Sal Salimeno. Post Commander is John H. Williams.

## Lincoln Park, Michigan

● Members of Post 552 recently added another piece of equipment to the playgrounds in Lincoln Park, thereby bringing to \$3,000 the amount contributed to date by the Post to make the park an ideal place for the community's children.

As a further evidence of the Post's community service interest, 22 schools in Lincoln Park received 50-star flags. Twenty-five members of Post 552 participated during the flag presentation ceremonies at the schools.

## Poughkeepsie, New York

● Two members of Post 170 have completed a 35-minute color film which tells the story of major accomplishments of Post 170, its Auxiliary, M.O.C. Pup Tent 16 and the Post's Dads group. The project represents 18 months of devoted work by Frederick Robertson, Jr., and John Way. The film was completed at no charge to the Post.

Robertson prepared the film story while Way handled the narration on tape recording. Appropriate music is dubbed in also on this historic Post film.

## Cleveland, Ohio

● Baskets of food for the aged needy of the community and Christmas treats for the children featured the annual Yule party sponsored by members of Post 3362 and its Ladies Auxiliary. More than 165 children attended the party. The party was under direction of Senior Vice Commander Parks. Dorothy Davis, a member of the Auxiliary, served in the role of Santa. Post Commander is William Cheeks.

## Lynn, Massachusetts

● Land on the property of Post 507 has been made available for the construction of a baseball diamond to be used by a boys baseball league in Lynn. Quartermaster William J. Dryer said that the diamond is expected to be completed in time for beginning of the 1962 baseball season.

## Ilion, New York

● Members of Post 502 have recently promoted Civil Defense and high school patriotism programs in their city.

More than 125 essays were judged in the Central high school contest. "Patriotism" was the contest theme and Patricia Schneck won the \$25 first prize. Prizes of \$10 and \$5 were also awarded.

High school officials said that the contest drew the best response to a volunteer student project in many years.

Members of Post 502 also helped in bomb shelter demonstrations during a week-long program calling the public's attention to these shelters. A letter of commendation was received by the Post from the state's Civil Defense headquarters.



For what is believed to be the first time in V.F.W. history, a group of V.F.W. members journeyed to Canada last fall to participate in Canadian Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 11. All of the members were from V.F.W. Posts in Buffalo, N.Y. In the left photo, National Aide-de-Camp A. O'Neill Kline, (white cap), is shown placing a wreath on the Cenotaph memorial at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Members of the group are pictured in the right photo decorating graves of American veterans of the War of 1812 in Drummond Hill Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Placing a wreath is Charles J. Schonobrich. Others, left to right, are Rudolph V. Windrath, Walter P. Mikulski, James P. Hayes, Frank J. Page, A. O'Neill Kline, James J. Cummins.



## YOU CAN FIGHT COMMUNISM!

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V.F.W. work that seems to have no direct bearing on either Americanism or communism can contribute directly to the preservation of our nation. Consider, for example, the children's and youth programs which so many Posts emphasize. All studies of delinquency show that children who participate in organized sport and recreation are much less likely to end up in the hands of the police. In many communities, the police are so aware of this fact that they organize baseball leagues and other activities, knowing that it is better to prevent trouble than to have to deal with it.

Wherever veterans are engaged in intensive youth work, they are fighting both crime and communism. The doctrines of the Reds have no appeal to healthy, happy people. Communism attracts the confused, the despairing, the unwanted, the emotionally sick.

Wherever V.F.W. members, acting as groups or as individuals, effectively carry out the patriotic, fraternal, historical and educational ideals of their or-

ganization, they are fighting communism. This is true in small matters as well as great. The musketry over the grave of a fallen comrade is, in one sense, a volley against communism, for the ritual proclaims that the man, obscure though he may have been, had served the true and enduring cause. Any activity that makes the Post an example of Americanism in action has an effect on the entire community.

It is impossible to fight communism passively. Communism feeds and flourishes on passivity. The non-active V.F.W. member may feel that he is as much against communism as anybody, but he is creating, by default, those conditions under which communism spreads. Only through active, personal commitment is it possible to build the good society that is invulnerable to the lures and snares of the enemy.

The typical V.F.W. Post today has too few workers who recognize their patriotic obligations. Some members are overworked. For awhile they try to do

everything. Then fatigue and discouragement, together with business and personal obligations, force them to quit. They leave a vacuum that can't be filled because so many members give only lip service.

The non-active members have good alibis which usually contain a bit of truth. The typical World War II veteran has reached the busiest time of his life. He has a wife and a houseful of youngsters. He has more business or job responsibilities than he had 10 years ago. "I can't do everything," he says lamely.

That is true. No one asked him to do everything. But he can do something. He can devote himself to some worthwhile Post project for a few hours a week. It is quite likely that, once he becomes active, he will find considerable personal gratification in being useful beyond the confines of home and shop.

Try to imagine a Post in which every member did something. Such a Post, large or small, would rank as the most dynamic and worth-while in the world. Its influence would extend throughout the community. Its example would inspire other Posts and other community service organizations.

And wouldn't it be fun to belong to such an effective Post!

Communism is a militant movement. Its leaders, like all clever generals, prefer to attack the weak, the disorganized, the undisciplined. The Communists frankly state that this is their strategy. They always move into areas of weakness. They do not—in fact, they cannot—infiltrate a strong and healthy society.

The Communists are quick to exploit conditions of injustice and social disorder. They have, from time to time, played their evil roles in racial conflict, in labor unrest, in governmental corruption, and in organized crime. But they are also quick to recognize intellectual confusion, a weakness of a different kind. Their infiltration into education, the communications media, entertainment, government and even religion has been possible because some leaders in these fields have lost their intellectual integrity. They no longer know what they think or what they represent.

The Communists always work against just and sensible solutions of social problems. They seek to turn racial tensions into bloody riots. They do not want unions to gain their goals through peaceful bargaining; they want bitter strikes. They seek to turn any infiltrated institution from its true goals. The Communists always fight for more and more injustice, strife, confusion and hatred. This is frankly stated party policy and is always true, although their propaganda seems to say the exact opposite.

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justice, good social order, and the principles of Americanism. Communism or no communism, those are the causes for which a decent man should fight.

Nikita Khrushchev predicted, "Your grandchildren will be Communists." In the context of his remarks it was clear that he believed this would happen in America, not as a result of war or external pressure, but through apathy and decadence. Communism would move into one area of weakness after another until it had everything.

Few Americans share Khrushchev's view. There is magnificent strength in the American people. The nation that lifted itself out of the depression to arm the free world while fighting on every front, and that has since maintained world peace, albeit a hair-trigger peace, is not decadent. Our grandchildren will not be Communists.

The important thing is to increase our strength. On the military front it is necessary to maintain constant alertness and a ready battle force. But communism is both an external threat and an internal conspiracy. This world war of ideas must be won on the civilian front. Americans must continue to create the good society of free men. Through our way of life, we must show that the Communist promises are a lie. Dynamic Americanism is the answer to the Communist conspiracy.

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These national officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were among those present for the Western Conference held in Thermopolis, Wyo., in November. Shown from left are National Welfare and Rehabilitation Director Norman D. Jones, Commander Charles Mills, Post 2281, Thermopolis, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Byron B. Gentry, Pasadena, Calif.



Members of Post 7472, Ellicott City, Md., joined with community groups in the completion of a memorial monument in honor of citizens who served their country. Shown from left: John B. Widdup, Past Post Commander Arnold Strauss, Commander LeRoy Wine, Past Post Commander Charles A. Kreatchman, memorial chairman, and Marion Dasher.



Members of Post 1786, Manhattan, Kans., collected 1500 pounds of clothing and bedding for victims of hurricane Carla. Shown loading and labeling the material for Post 880, Galveston, Texas, are from left: A. Rohel, R. Gier, G. Morgan, T. Furtak, F. Soper and H. Timma.

## Observation Post

By Bill Vaughan



I see where sale of hair dye to men is on the increase. But dyeing your hair won't fool anybody of your age if you let it out that you know the words of either "Keep Your Head Down, Fritzie Boy" or "Remember Pearl Harbor."

My new city automobile license says it should be applied to a warm windshield—and where do you get a warm windshield in February?

This is the month when the politicians remember Washington and Lincoln, even though they admit privately that they doubt if either one could get organization support today.

If you're worried about automation being a threat to your job, just consider that the more the Army gets mechanized the more soldiers it seems to need.

The average recruit is getting larger all the time. Eventually he may be big enough to fill that first set of fatigues the supply sergeant issues him.

War gets more expensive all the time, but still there are very few countries so poor that they don't seem to feel they can afford one.

Some reservists have complained that the Army camps where they were sent weren't ready for them. That's an unwritten Army rule—wherever soldiers are assigned they come as a complete surprise.

Communism, like gin, has basically the same effect, no matter what it's flavored with.

The lady next door doesn't care that this may be the year when man will go to the moon. As far as she's concerned it will be just another year when she doesn't go to Florida.

The trouble with getting into an argument about the Congo is that I can never remember the name of the guy over there I'm in favor of.

It may be too early to tell what sort of year 1962 will be for the various trades and professions. About all that's certain is that the Twist makes it look bright for the chiropractors.

Frankly, I'm not as interested in whether men will get to other planets as I am in whether there will still be an Earth for them to leave from.

It is fitting that a postage stamp should honor the inventor of basketball which guarantees a college education to every American boy seven feet tall or over.



## IT'S MINNEAPOLIS IN 1962

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vention throngs ever to assemble. Therefore, as Convention Director Grobsmith points out, housing for delegates and guests will be a major consideration. All hotels in Minneapolis have agreed to co-operate with the Minneapolis Convention Bureau and the V.F.W. Housing Committee in the assignment of hotels to the various Departments.

Full instructions as to the manner of making hotel room reservations have been forwarded to the Adjutant-Quartermasters of the various Departments. Choice of hotel accommodations this year will be assigned Departments on the basis of their standing in membership strength. Therefore, Department officers are urged not to attempt to arrange separate housing agreements with hotels. To assure themselves of the best possible selection of hotel space, all those planning to attend the convention should make their reservations as quickly as possible through their Department Adjutant-Quartermasters.

The overwhelming response to the advance registration program for last year's convention at Miami Beach, Fla., was an outstanding factor in the great success of that event. To insure an even greater success this year at Minneapolis, Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Hansen stresses the importance of registering in advance.

"We want to convince everyone, and especially our legislators in the Congress, that our V.F.W. National Conventions have the unqualified support of every V.F.W. member," the V.F.W. leader says. "Certainly, it would be wonderful if every one of our Posts could be represented by one or more delegates to the convention. But even if that is not possible, a Post can be represented by the simple means of submitting an advance registration for the fee of \$2.50 in the name of the Post or its Commander."

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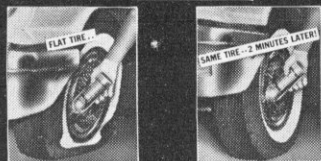
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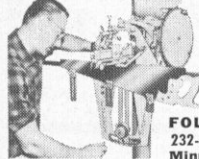
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## THE DEADLIEST GUARDS IN THE WORLD

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themselves in tip-top shape for the difficult and arduous training that lies ahead. This will include judo, demolitions, languages, mountain climbing, survival in all kinds of terrain. It also means several weeks at the Army's parachute school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and learning how to use the carbine, M-1, M-3 grease gun, .30 cal. machine gun, 3.5 bazooka, 60 and 81 mm. mortars, and the 106 mm. recoilless rifle.

When these "basic" skills have been learned, the guerrilla warriors move into advanced training. They must become experts in two or three of the five skills required by each Special Forces team: Operations and intelligence, weapons, communications, medical, and demolitions. In some cases this means special Army schools or "egghead" courses at universities. Finally the day arrives when a team has all of the skills required and becomes operational. It is now living proof of the Special Forces' motto: "Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere."

A team is a relatively small fighting outfit. It may range from seven men to as many as 20—but it is expected to organize, train and direct the operations of a guerrilla regiment, which can have as few as 10 or as many as 1,000 men.

Since 1954 special research has been going on to compile background information about strategic and potentially hostile countries. As the Second U. S. Army Headquarters at Ft. Meade, Md., pointed out recently: "The Soviet Union has a long history of popular discontent within her own borders. This discontent resulted in the collapse of her military effort against Germany during World War I. In the Balkans, the Baltics, East Germany and in other areas of the world are millions of hostile, freedom-starved peoples under Communist domination awaiting the chance to fight for freedom and their own way of life. These people, justifiably hostile, constitute a military advantage for the United States."

To exploit the weakness of an enemy is the purpose of Special Forces. But in order to do it, a Special Forces team, once it becomes operational, must keep itself in a high state of readiness. Not long ago just such a unit set out to practice hit-and-run techniques against a superior force of reservists who had been schooled in conventional warfare. A guerrilla fighter, who happened to be a laundry company executive when he wasn't stalking through the woods on a weekend maneuver, used one of his company trucks to set up a decoy. The convoy of trucks carrying the "enemy" came upon the scene of an accident. A

laundry truck had apparently gone off the road and was hanging precariously on the side of a hill. The soldiers piled out to lend a hand, finally pulling the vehicle back on the road. While this was going on, two things happened. A sergeant in the Special Forces unit crawled out of a culvert and stole the radio and operation maps from the company commander's jeep, and the last truck in the convoy was ambushed with all of its supplies disappearing into the hills. The company C.O., after learning what had happened, was so mad that he slammed his helmet on the ground and shook his fist at the invisible enemy. "You're not fighting fair," he later told a Special Forces officer.

In his anger, he unwittingly had put his finger on the very essence of guerrilla forces—whether they go by the name of "raiders," "commandos" or "rangers."

It was Tito, and his partisans, who forced the Nazis to keep 15 desperately-needed divisions in Yugoslavia during World War II; and it was the "unfair" tactics of Mao Tse-tung which helped in conquering China, and which led to the French defeat in Indo-China.

Now, for the first time in our country's history, the U. S. Army is training guerrilla troops during peacetime. Guard detachments in Utah are working alongside Army teams in the rugged Wasatch Mountains of that state, gaining first-hand knowledge on how to survive; Alabama teams have spent several weeks at a time in the boondocks, living off rattlesnake meat and other "delicacies"; Louisiana Special Forces are training in the bayous.

Last June 24 to July 8, Special Forces from West Virginia and North Carolina converged on Camp Dawson in the rugged hill country of the Mountain State. There they matched wits with the 350th Psychological Warfare Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. In fact, one of the loudspeaker messages that went booming across the hills was especially directed at a Special Forces noncom whose wife was expecting. "Congratulations," he was told, as he lay concealed behind bushes, "your wife has just had a baby and it looks just like your friend..." The guerrilla specialists got back at their protagonists, however, by ambushing some of their trucks.

At Camp Dawson, the training included living off the land, mountain climbing around the 1,200-foot cliff at Cooper Rock, demolition work, foreign weaponry, and snake handling. It was during one of these operations that the Regular Army adviser to B Company, Sgt.



1st Class William Crysel of Beckley, caught a 41½-foot rattlesnake which he decided to take back to camp for forwarding to the "snake pit" at Ft. Bragg. But Maj. C. A. Muth of Huntington, B Company commander, decided there would not be room for it in his jeep.

Sergeant Crysel, a veteran airborne trooper with more than 350 jumps, says of the company he's advised for almost two years: "They've improved more than 100 per cent since I first saw them. In fact they're almost operational—and self-supporting, too."

They should be with these kind of operations: In September, the West Virginia-North Carolina units were scheduled for briefings in Charleston, then a night flight to Ft. Bragg with a parachute drop into the inky darkness, followed by an overnight problem, regrouping in the morning, another parachute jump, then a flight back to Charleston that afternoon. In October, a two-day problem was scheduled with a parachute jump into the Cheat River country around Camp Dawson, followed by extensive night operations, and a return to the nearest air base by truck and the flights back to their home bases.

This is mobility! And these civilians know their job. They know it so well, in fact, that the Army's Special Forces commander at Ft. Bragg said he'd be glad to take any of the Guard units he'd seen into his own outfit!

That's an amazing statement when the make-up of these Guard forces is considered. There are no young men, in the strict sense of the word. The average age would be about 29—and 95 per cent of them are married. They come from all walks of life: School teachers, businessmen, bakers, clerks, truck drivers—and even scientists. Nearly all of them have had prior military service, and some have been in combat in Korea or World War II.

Selectivity is the key to recruitment. "We don't want men with 40-inch chests and four-inch heads to jump out of airplanes with sacks full of explosives," one Special Forces officer said. "We're choosy, and we intend to keep it that way."

It's kept that way through intensive training. In addition to two-week summer camps, Special Forces in West Virginia had 144 hours of scheduled instruction last year, but they're only paid for 96 hours. And this does not count field problems, some of which require entire weekends.

This extra—that spells Special Forces—is time away from family, from the jobs that have to be done around the house, from the million and one things that should be done. But these men in Special Forces don't complain. They know what their big job is—the defense of their country if the need arises. And they *are* ready!

[The End]

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Each year Post 382, El Reno, Okla., sponsors a banquet for all the members of boys' baseball teams sponsored by various organizations in the city. Highlights of the event are the appearance of current baseball stars and stars of former years. In the top photo are some of the 300 boys and 250 adults who were guests at this year's banquet. At the head table, in the lower photo, are, left to right, Marion C. Morefield, who served as master of ceremonies; "Pepper" Martin (at the microphone), former star player with the St. Louis Cardinals; Post Commander Cecil W. Caudill, Don Schwall, American League "Rookie of the Year"; Dept. Commander Joe Turci and Dept. Junior Vice Commander Guy Taylor. Also present as guests of Post 382, but not pictured, were "Wog" Rice, scout for the Boston Red Sox, and Hugh Willingham, former star player with the Philadelphia "Phillies".



## WE SALUTE THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA!

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in providing the stimulating experience of Scouting for more and more boys.

As a V.F.W. member you can help Scouting by doing these things: vote to have your Post sponsor a Scout unit; encourage members to serve as Scout leaders in units; join in adopting a Scouting project; aid in helping Scout councils meet their financial needs; volunteer in providing technical assistance and aid in any other way you can.

Why does the V.F.W. go all out for the boys in Scouting? Because V.F.W. members take pride in the results of the work of the volunteers who guide the Cub Scout packs, the Scout troops, and the Explorer units. Their code of unselfishness and service reflects the primary V.F.W. objectives. Scouting translates these ideals into programs of action and accomplishment.

V.F.W. sponsors are proud of boys like Don Carpenter who, in the 11th National Science Fair at Indianapolis, Ind., won top honors with his exhibit in physical science. His competition was tough—nearly 400 above average students from 44 States and several foreign countries. At the time he was 16 years old, a high school junior, and an Explorer Scout. His victory climaxed 1,500 hours spent in designing and constructing a counterflow vortex tube.

In a lab notebook Don had compiled a two-page list of people who had helped him. That's the one big advantage of Scouting—the opportunity for adults and youngsters to work together. Scouting opens the door for the wholehearted efforts of more than a million and a quarter adults who are devoting their spare hours to the satisfaction of working with boys who will occupy leading positions in all professions.

Several years ago a boy in a mid-western city appeared in court on a breaking and entering charge. He was placed on probation. However, a great-hearted Scoutmaster—kind, understanding, and firm—took the youngster under his wing and invited him to join his Scout troop. Three years later a neatly dressed boy appeared in the judge's court. He wore a First Class badge on his Boy Scout uniform, a look of confidence on his face, and an ear-to-ear smile. He presented the judge with a copy of the fifteen millionth "Scout Handbook for Boys." Scouting scores in situations like this every day.

And then there was another young fellow who had grown up in one of Detroit's toughest and most congested neighborhoods. As a youngster he earned the reputation of being able to open a locked car with a wire coat hang-

er faster than it could be opened with a key. Unquestionably that boy was headed for serious difficulty. Then something happened.

That boy became acquainted with a police officer who was a Scoutmaster. Through the years that Scoutmaster, together with the teamwork, morale, and pride of the Scout troop, worked a wonderful change in the boy's life. He became an Eagle Scout and he became a leader. Now, as a college student preparing to become a teacher, the young man has his association with the Scouts to thank for saving him from a life of crime and misery.

Scouting is a common ground where adults and youngsters work together to build down-to-earth, everyday good American citizenship. The experience is good for both groups.

Thousands of V.F.W. members are proud to be a part of the nationwide Scouting team that today numbers more than five million boys and adults. That's a good sized group and it's going to grow larger. V.F.W. members believe in Scouting and are demonstrating their belief with programs of action.

What steps can a Post take to add Scouting to its overall programming? First, it must contact the Scout council in its community. It must determine that there is a positive need for a Scout pack, troop, post or ship, in the community or neighborhood. The local Scout Executive can help decide which type of unit will best serve the needs of the particular area.

The Post Commander should appoint a committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Post and the Scoutmaster. One capable member must be willing to serve as a Scoutmaster, or as director of the Scouting unit to be organized. One V.F.W. member must be appointed to serve on the local Boy Scout committee.

The Post should provide a suitable place for regular meetings—one that is separate from the areas used by Post members for their meetings. If the Post's own meeting hall or building is not suitable, another place can be found.

Remember, the boy who becomes a Scout takes an oath to "help other people at all times." In doing his best to carry out his promise he is strengthening both himself and his country. How akin is this simple purpose to the creed of the members of the V.F.W.—"Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

For further information about the role of a V.F.W. Post in the Scouting movement, write to National Director, V.F.W. Youth Activities, Broadway at 34th St., Kansas City 11, Mo. [The End]

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# PROBING THE ATOM FOR PEACEFUL USES

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The conference, sponsored by 58-investor-owned electric utilities, lasted for three days. Delegates visited Dresden Nuclear Power Station, the first full-scale privately financed atomic power plant in the world; Argonne National Laboratory, where much of this country's research into the peaceful uses of the atom is carried out; Chicago's famed Museum of Science and Industry; and the Atom Fair, the nuclear industry's latest exhibit of the advances it has made.

Dale Musser, the son of V.F.W. member Charles Musser, Post 5640, Middleburg, Pa., who won the right to attend the conference on the basis of his excellent projects in science fairs, was particularly intrigued by the Atom Fair. "It showed us the how of things as well as the why," he said.

The why—the theory—was carefully examined by leading speakers at the conference such as Dr. Hans A. Bethe, Professor of Physics, Laboratory for Nuclear Studies, Cornell University and the 1961 recipient of the \$50,000 Enrico Fermi Award, who spoke on "Fundamental Particles," and Dr. R. Christian Anderson, Assistant Director of Brookhaven National Laboratory, whose speech, "Useful Doubts and Sensible Schemes," was roundly applauded.

Dr. Anderson told the group that a scientist must be free to explore the areas where no one has gone before and he must be free to question those areas that still rest on theory without facts to back them up.

Robert E. Wattleworth, who someday hopes to be a research physicist because "it offers the greatest chance of personal fulfillment," is keenly interested in the opportunities to explore new areas. His father, Dr. Kent Wattleworth, Past

Post Surgeon of V.F.W. Post 4226, Olney, Ill., has greatly influenced his son's science interests.

At Argonne National Laboratory's gamma irradiation facility, Wattleworth and the other delegates saw how food and medical supplies are irradiated to prevent spoilage and harmful bacteria. With him was Paul Gonzalez, the son of a V.F.W. member of Siberian Post 1905, Chicago, Ill., whose father is also a doctor.

For many of the delegates to the conference, however, the real thrill was being able to sit with "working" scientists from Argonne, Armour Research Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology, and other organizations, and discuss with them many scientific problems they faced.

The groups were composed of approximately 15 students, giving each delegate ample time to express his views and ask questions. Leslie Fultz, Jr., who built a cloud chamber as his entry into the science fair and whose father is a member of V.F.W. Post 4736, Pomeroy, Ohio, was in the group headed by David Rossin, assistant director of reactor engineering division at Argonne.

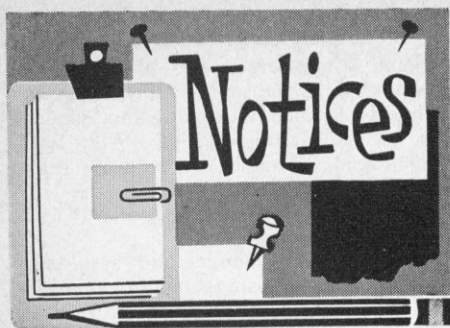
Power from the atom to light the homes and industries of America was discussed and the remarks of Louis H. Roddis, president of Pennsylvania Electric Company, who said that "nuclear power has come of age" were thoroughly explored.

In all parts of the country, conferences and gatherings are being held to indoctrinate America's fine science talent into the complex world that lies ahead. They will someday take their places beside the Einsteins, the Fermis, the Curies, and other great scientists, as long as we prepare today for that tomorrow. [The End]



District 1 officer of the Dept. of New York presented an "outstanding Scout" award to Eagle Scout John Bradley (center). From left are Dist. Youth Activities Chairman Fred Huertle, Commander Frank J. Gaeta, 1790, Valley Stream, L. I.; Scoutmaster Peter J. Kiernan, Bradley, and his father, Benjamin Bradley; Nassau County Council Junior Vice Commander William J. Meyer, and Post 1790 Youth Activities Chairman Ernest Marciano. The award was sponsored by Post 1790.





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## ARMY

**3rd Bn., 13th Armd. Tank Bn., 1st Armd. Div.**—To help establish claim, want to contact men who know of my battle fatigue incurred while in the area of Senit Station, North Africa in April, 1943. Want to know whereabouts of Lt. Col. Benson, S/Sgt. Gayland Gaylord, Lt. Woodall and Lt. Taylor.—Howard R. Robinson, USAFB Hospital, EAFB, APO 942, Seattle, Wash.

**5th Inf. Reg., Co. D (1914-1918, Empire, Canal Zone)**—Would like to hear from former members.—Bernard F. Kuhn, 5548 N. Albina Ave., Portland 17, Oreg.

**14th Armd. Inf., 1st Armd. Div., Co. B.**—To establish a claim, I need to contact men who were with me when I was captured Easter Sunday 1943, and injured on Jan. 6, 1944 and May 30, 1944, after escaping and rejoining my outfit on the Cassina, Italy, front.—Clarence W. Dowler, Box 164, Second St., Newell, Pa.

**15th Inf. Reg., 3rd Div., Co. E**—Want to learn whereabouts of Anthony Condello, from Kane, Pa., who served with me in Korea. Also, trying to locate Herman Williams and Bob Newell, who served with me in basic training at Camp Polk, La., 1950-51.—Clifford Foss, 1905 E. Lexington, Eau Claire, Wis.

**15th F.A., Btry. C, 2nd Div. (WWI)**—Would like to contact W. P. Locklear, my sergeant in WWI.—Charles B. Kuhns, R.D. #1, Biglerville, Pa.

**17th Inf. Hdqrs. Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Div.**—Want to contact those who served with me in the South Pacific in WWII for information to establish a service connected claim.—Pressley O. Doggett, VA Center, Sec. 1, Wadsworth, Kans.

**Co. B, 17th Tank Bn., 7th Armd. Div.**—Want to contact Capt. Pilat, Texas, former company commander.—Frank A. Swantack, 3011 Maryland Ave., McKeesport, Pa.

**18th Cav. Recon. Sq., (Mech.), Troop B**—Want to hear from former buddies.—M/Sgt. Wayne W. Olsen, U.S. Army Adv. Gp. (NG) P.R., APO 851, New York, N.Y.

**26th Trans. Corps.**—Would like to hear from Nathan Ura, formerly on the floating crane crew.—Henry H. Kramer, 248 E. 59th St., Downers Grove, Ill.

**32nd Reg., 7th Div. (Camp Hogan, Northern Honshu, Japan-1948-50)**—Want to contact Capt. Leroy J. Osborn, regimental motor pool officer, and William Russell, Warrant Officer, Senior Grade, for information to establish claim for service-connected disability.—Edison Franklin Williams, Applegate, Oreg.

**57th F.A., Btry. B (WWI)**—Would like to hear from former buddies.—SFC August Fierro, 39 Whitehall St., New York 4, N.Y.

**82nd C.A.**—Would like to hear from men who served with me in Panama, Trinidad and Dutch Guiana in the early 1940s. Among them were Henry Puch, Jackson, Comstock, Shirk, Maley, Creasman, Pinard, Banks, Pratt, Hudson and Lynch.—Steve R. Simko, 181 Park Rd., Painesville, Ohio.

**127th R.C.T.**—Want to contact Lou Gorman, and others from Ohio, who were with me before we went to 11th AB Div., Sendi, Japan, in 1945.—George Garrigus, 17720 Ridgeland, Tinley Park, Ill.

**359th-315th Sanitary Train, AMB Co., 90th Div.** Want to contact former members.—A.B. Kyle, 6253 1/2 Leland Way, Los Angeles 28, Calif.

**505th Motor Truck Co. (WWI)**—Would like to hear from former members.—F.E. McBride, 535 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham 9, Ala.

**756th Tank Bn., Co. C.**—To establish claim, I need to contact men serving with me just before the spring offensive of 1944 in Italy, including Capt. Gourley, 1st Sgt. Fitch, 1st Sgt. Petty, and members of Sgt. Parrish's tank crew, who recall when I suffered shell concussion.—Cline J. Robinson, Route 2, Guthrie, Okla.

**1892 Eng. Avn. Bn.**—Want to contact buddies who served on Okinawa with me.—Thomas E. Kilzer, 1617 McKnight St., Humboldt, Tenn.

**3486 Ord. Co. (Q), 5th Army**—Want to hear from buddies who served with me in England, Africa and Italy, 1942-45.—O.V. Walker, Rte. 9, Box 399, Birmingham 7, Ala.

**Information**—Want to contact veterans hospitalized in VA hospitals for treatment of car injuries, if VA hospital put in a claim on insurance company settlements.—Bailey West, Makanda, Ill.

**Information**—Need to contact Henry K. Larsen, Sioux City, Iowa; Gerard F. McGrath, Jersey City, N.J.; and Frank N. Brocato, Baton Rouge, La., who witnessed last will and testament of Elias B. Jacobson while stationed at Grenada

Army Air Field, Grenada, Miss., Feb. 11, 1944. Write Joseph Scancarello, Post 142, 199 Piaget Ave., Clifton, N.J.

**Information**—A former German P.O.W., Horst Koeller, at Camp Bowie, Texas, from 1944-46, would like to contact T/Sgt. Clarence Bamford, believed to be living in California; Major Blackmore, Capt. Bussjaeger, Lt. Jackson, Lt. Rich, Sgt. Defflinger and Cpl. Maniachi.—Write CWO (W-2) Robert F. Phillips (USAF), 3008 2nd Ave., S., Great Falls, Mont.

## NAVY

**93rd N.C.B.**—Would like to hear from South Pacific buddies, 1943-1945.—C. C. Brown, P.O. Box 285, Tucson, Ariz.

**USS Alchiba and USS Sargent Bay**—Want to hear from shipmates from WWII.—Joe F. Polich, 1928 Madeira Drive, N.E., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

**USS Hubbard**—Want to contact men who served on this ship from Aug., 1917, until we left it at Brest navy yard in France. Also want to contact men of the USS Wakina from early 1917 until she was sunk May 23, 1918.—Joseph M. Cunningham, 16 West St., Malden, Mass.

**USS LSM 15**—Want to hear from ship's crew when ship was sunk at Okinawa.—Don Nolde, 10130 W. Armitage Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.

**USS Roper (APD-20)**—Want to hear from shipmates from 1943 to 1945.—J.W. Seefried, 238 Atlantic Ave., Franklin, Pa.

**Information**—Seeking whereabouts of my brother, William Edward Martin, 61, last heard from in 1921 after re-enlisting in Navy, formerly of Wessington, S. Dak. Entered Navy in 1919.—Mrs. Joe Brandsted, 1435 Wisconsin, S.W., Huron, S. Dak.



## REUNIONS

Because of publication schedules, it is necessary that V.F.W. MAGAZINE receive notices of forthcoming reunions at least 90 days in advance of the actual reunion dates. Reunion notices which appear less than 30 days prior to the scheduled reunion dates give those interested in attending too little time in which to make their plans, and are therefore of little or no value. To avoid errors, all material submitted for publication in this column should be either printed or typed.

## ARMY

**American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor**—April 29-May 6, Barcelona Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. Write Austin M. Patrizio, 90 Belmont Ave., Jersey City 4, N.J.

**5th Inf. Reg., July 22, N.C.O. Club, Fort Williams, Maine**—Write Robert T. Weston, P.O. Box 2161, South Portland, Maine.

**9th Div.**—July 26-28, Fort Bragg, N.C. Write Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

**52nd Inf., Co. H**—Scheduled for Aug., 1962, in Pennsylvania. Write Otto E. Moore, Youngtown, Ariz.

**78th Inf. (WWI & II)**—Spring of 1962 in Albany, N.Y. Write Al Rappaport, 1415 Creston St., Philadelphia 49, Pa.

**79th Sig. Co., (79th Div.)**—May 18-20, Hotel New Yorker, New York, N.Y. Write Louis R. Berke, Granttown, W. Va.

**87th A.A. and 505th A.A.A.**—May 5, 1962, Log Cabin, Norristown, Pa. Write John Deutsch, 1300 79th St., North, Bergen, N.J.

**96th Inf.**—July 26-28, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Write R. Klassen, Rte. 5, Kankakee, Ill.

**129th Inf. Med. Det., Co. C, Hqtrs., 1st Bn. (WWI)**—March 18, Legion Home, Ottawa, Ill. Write Phil Bailey, 105 Lincoln Place, Ottawa, Ill.

**319th Engrs. (C), Co. B, 94th Div.**—July 12-15 Detroit, Mich. Write Joseph B. Smrt, 302 East Water St., Knox, Ind.

**329th-352nd Comm. Recon. Companies (501st Group, ASA Pacific)**—Planning reunion (Korea-Jan., 1953 to June, 1954). Write J. Ronn De Laney, 11600 NE 6th Ave., Miami 38, Fla.

**1384 Engr. Pet. Dist. Co.**—Planning 1962 reunion in Milwaukee, Wis. Write T/Sgt. Wayne G. Horman, 6181 N. 84th St., Milwaukee 18, Wis.

**1896th Engr. Avn. Bn.**—June 29-July 1, Hotel Knickerbocker, Chicago, Ill. Write Lester A. Sealey, 14 High St., Natick, Mass.

## NAVY

**1st NCB**—March 10-11, Mansfield-Leland Hotel, Mansfield, Ohio. Write Mac H. Corray, 1401 Garden Lane, Champaign, Ill.

**2nd Marine Div.**—July 20-22, Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. Write Alvin I. Siegel, 14535 S.W. 97th Ave., Miami 56, Fla.

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A captain and a major were dining in a cafe when a private entered escorting a beautiful redhead. The captain sent a note to the private: "The major and I are graduates of Princeton and have a \$5.00 bet that you are, too. May we stop at your table?"

Back came this reply: "Please don't bother, gentlemen. I am from the Audubon Institute of Ornithology, and I intend to classify this pigeon myself!"

—True

### Anxious To Move

The latest joke among East Berliners, according to a letter from one published in a West Berlin newspaper: "Will trade luxurious lake-side villa for hole in the wall."

—U.P.I.

### Saturation Point

Greta was a little refugee. Rather bedraggled when she came to America, her foster parents put her on a strict bath routine. Greta took it for a week without so much as a whimper. Then one night she looked up through a face full of suds: "You folks don't want a refugee," she said calmly. "What you want is a duck."

—Woodsman of the World

### Welcome Mat Too!

The other day Cal Calipers noticed one of the apprentices munching his sandwiches as he read a copy of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

"That's old stuff," Cal advised. "Nowadays, if you want to be popular, you got to do just one thing."

"Use the right toothpaste?" inquired the apprentice, hopefully.

"Nope," said the sage Cal, "build your own bomb shelter—with a guest room."

—Machinist

### Doggy Duet

Father listened to his seven-year-old scratch away on his violin while the hound dog howled dismally nearby. As the practice session wore on, the father asked the boy, "Can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

—Lion

### Friendly Persuasion

At a dinner party, the subject of eternal life and future punishment came up for a lengthy discussion.

Mark Twain took no part in it, so the woman seated next to him asked, "Why haven't you said something? Surely you must have some opinion about this."

"Madame, you must excuse me," Twain replied. "I am silent because of necessity. I have friends in both places."

—Capper's Weekly

### Flunked!

A fellow was taking a Civil Service examination. "What does aurora borealis mean?" was the final and deciding question.

"It means," said the completely baffled fellow, "that I don't get the job!"

—Quote

### Straight or Toasted?

Some youngsters were playing Wild West. One of the more enterprising had dragged out an old packing box, made a bar out of it and scrawled a sign on it which read: "This is the Wild West and this is the Last Chance Saloon."

Another kid ran up, pounded on the box and said, "I'll have a rye."

A third much younger and apparently less sophisticated, staggered up alongside him and squeaked, "I'll have a whole wheat."

—Quote



### Lights Out

The farmer was "assisting" at the birth of his latest child—he was holding the lamp. When the doctor delivered the three fine babies, the farmer suddenly left the room. "Come back with the lamp!" yelled the doctor. "Nope," was the reply. "Ain't comin' back, Doc! It's the light that's attractin' 'em."

—Kentucky Pharmacist

### Out of Order

"What kind of telephone is that on your desk?" a visitor is reported to have asked the premier of one of Russia's satellite states. "There's an earpiece, but no mouthpiece."

"If you must know," said the premier sadly, "that's our direct line to the Kremlin."

—United Mine Workers Journal

### A Head Start

Children have a way of asking embarrassing questions—but some parents are up to answering the most difficult of queries.

"Dad," asked a young upstart, reading the local paper, "do political plums grow from seeds?"

"No, my son," replied the wise parent. "They are more the result of clever grafting."

—Healthways

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